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Subject: RE: ASD meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Hier die Minutes zum Meeting mit ASD:

Date: 13.07.2022, 11.00 - 12.00

Participants: ASD – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GROW F1 – [REDACTED]

Topics brought forward by ASD:

- Asked for more clarity and transparency concerning the decision making processes pertaining to the REACH revision.
- Expressed concern that the essential use assessment is going to be a lengthy process and asked for clarity about the essential use criteria. Want EASA, ESA and EDA to be consulted in the application of the concept in cases relevant to their industry.
- Expressed their support for the minimal exposure route.

COM's answers:

- Aerospace and defence sector will probably benefit from the revision, as current procedural issues will be resolved while the high ambitions of the revision are (initially) targeted at the protection of consumers and professional users.
- Regarding the decision making process, a high level of transparency for stakeholders is maintained through numerous consultations. As regards clarity about the details of the proposal, COM is currently at the very early stage of the preparation of the proposal of assessing options and impacts which means that there is no set and detailed proposal to communicate yet. The consultation phase is over for now and the input provided by the stakeholders is being assessed and taken into account. The impact assessment will be submitted to the RSB on 14 September.
- Regarding the essential use concept, COM is aware that substitutions take time and require building capacities and is therefore considering to change the way alternatives are assessed and to strengthen the role of substitution plans.

- The primary objective of the essential use concept is targeting the most harmful substances in consumer and professional uses. Discussions about the role of different bodies in assessing essentiality and whether and how it will be used for industrial uses are still ongoing.
- While the minimal exposure derogation granted by COM is going to be an option, this shall remain exceptional.