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Meeting with COCIR on chemical strategy and the impact on medical device industry (medical imaging and therapy devices)

Participants:

COCIR: [REDACTED] (COCIR), [REDACTED] (Siemens), [REDACTED] (Phillips), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (independent consultant)

GROW: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Welcome: [REDACTED] welcomed to the meeting followed by introduction of the participants.

Presentation: COCIR presented the association and the complexity of products, e.g. MRI units.

Innovative sector (8% of sales volume) as innovation is very important. Bomcheck is an IT-tool to track substances in articles in electronic industry, important for companies to comply with SCIP database, COM interested in how Bomcheck works in practice in view of the REACH revision. *Slides attached.*

Innovation cycles: Long innovation cycles and marketing of products. 7 years of R&D followed by 10 years marketing of a product. Introduction of restrictions during critical years of development or marketing is highly disruptive. RoHS exemptions sometimes problematic because the duration (5 years) is shorter than lifespan of products. COCIR calls for proportionality of restrictions, longer transition times for new restrictions, longer duration for exemptions, and dedicated cost-benefit assessments.

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REACH revision: COM informed that reasons for the revision is e.g. higher ambition, authorisation system is too heavy to work efficiently and effectively, increase speed of restrictions. In need to practical solutions, e.g. essential uses, look at RoHS for derogations. COM informed about the timeline, the various studies that will be launched by DG GROW and DG ENV including workshops and open public consultations. COM invited COCIR to participate in consultations.

Experience RoHS: COM invited COCIR to provide their view on what works and not. COCIR has contributed heavily to the study by ENV (Ramböll) on RoHS. COCIR to send the study with their reflections on the relevant parts for medical imaging.

Follow up: Meeting with K. Schreiber 28 June.