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Subject: Request to exclude batteries from the PFAS restriction proposal scope (follow up email)

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your mail dated 8 March 2024 to Commissioner Breton on the lack of planning for the review of the consultation feedback from the batteries sector by ECHA. You request a meeting at our earliest convenience to discuss this matter. Commissioner Breton has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I fully understand your concerns, and be reassured that the Commission is closely following the opinion development by ECHA. Latest ECHA announcements in RAC's and SEAC's meetings on 13 March indicate upcoming discussions in the March, June and September 2024 plenary meetings. More information about the committees' plans to evaluate the remaining sectors and about the next procedural steps will be announced as work advances.

As indicated during the meeting on 20 March 2024 with our Director General Ms Jorna the Commission treats this restriction as a priority. We expect ECHA to deliver the final opinions to the Commission in the shortest possible timeframe, while ensuring transparency, independence and high quality of the ECHA committees. The Commission is also taking all possible preparatory steps in anticipation of receiving the final opinion, with the aim to present the draft Commission Regulation as soon as possible after the assessment by ECHA is finalised.

We will continue following the discussion closely and remain available to further exchange on this topic in the future.

Yours sincerely,

(e-sign)
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