

From: [REDACTED] (CAB-VALEAN)
Sent: mardi 5 mars 2024 16:24
To: CAB VALEAN CONTACT
Cc: NEGREANU ARBOREANU Filip Alexandru (CAB-VALEAN); LESOVICI Roxana (CAB-VALEAN)
Subject: Minutes of meeting with Chemours 19.09.2023

Dear [REDACTED]

With my apologies for the delay in sending you these, please could you register the below minutes for a meeting our Commissioner had with representatives of Chemours on 19.09.2023?

Thank you very much.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Date of the meeting: 19.09.2023

Location of the meeting: Cab meeting room

Name and title of the participants: Cab: Commissioner Vălean, Filip Negreanu-Arboreanu, Roxana Lesovici,

Chemours: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Purpose of the meeting: To discuss the potential impacts of a REACH restriction on PFAS

Main points raised: Chemours raised the upcoming REACH restrictions and argued for us to exclude two sub-groups of PFAS (fluoropolymers and fluorinated gasses) that are widely used in key applications for the green transition and sustainable mobility. They argued that the proposed Restriction by 5 Member States contradicts certain EU strategic policies threatens investments in key sectors, and overlaps with other regulatory measures, thus raising Better Regulation concerns. Commissioner recalled that PFAS pollution is a serious human health and environmental concern, and reassured Chemours that the Commission is committed to ensure consistency across policy objectives, and take a decision following a thorough assessment, currently under consideration by ECHA.

Conclusions: The broad ban on the use of PFAS with some derogations, proposed by five national authorities under REACH, is currently being assessed by the independent scientific Committees of the European Chemicals Agency. We are waiting to receive the scientific opinion of these Committees before proposing any legislative action under REACH. However, we already anticipate that derogations will be introduced for critical uses where no alternatives are currently available, while taking into account the need to minimise emissions of PFAS for the derogated uses during its entire life cycle. To ensure that the derogations are granted in such cases, industry needs to submit the relevant information about the existence and uses of such substances in the public consultations that are part of the process. The

Commission will ensure consistency across different policy objectives of the Green Deal: reduction of chemical pollution on the one hand and the green transition on the other hand.

Next steps: A decision on the PFAS restriction is not expected before 2025.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:13 PM
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Alexandru (CAB-VALEAN) [REDACTED] LESOVICI Roxana
(CAB-VALEAN) [REDACTED]
Subject: Solicitare intalire chemours tema F gases

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to see if you received my emails regarding the upcoming meeting with Commissioner Vălean on 19 September 2023?

I remain available should you need anything further and look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CAB-VALEAN)
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 5:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] LESOVICI Roxana (CAB-VALEAN)
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[REDACTED] NEGREANU ARBOREANU Filip Alexandru (CAB-VALEAN) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Solicitare intalire chemours tema F gases

Dear [REDACTED]

I regret to inform you that there has been an unforeseen change in the Commissioner's agenda and she will not be able to make it to the meeting with Chemours representatives at 13:15 but would instead be able to meet with them at **14:00**.

Apologies for this change and thank you for your understanding. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CAB-VALEAN)
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] LESOVICI Roxana (CAB-VALEAN)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NEGREANU ARBOREANU Filip Alexandru (CAB-VALEAN) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Solicitare intalire chemours tema F gases

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of Commissioner Vălean, thank you for your kind meeting request.

Commissioner Vălean would be very pleased to meet with Chemours representatives and is able to offer a meeting slot on Tuesday, 19 September, at 13:15 in our offices here in the Berlaymont.

Please find attached a table to be completed with the personal details of all meeting participants who need access to the building. I would be grateful if you could complete and return this at your earliest convenience so that we can arrange for their security passes. We will also arrange for an usher to meet them at the security entrance and escort them to the meeting room.

I remain at your disposal should you need any further information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 10:15 AM
To: CAB VALEAN CONTACT [REDACTED]
Subject: Solicitare intalire chemours tema F gases

Dear miss Valean

As we agreed by phone earlier this month, I am writing to you on behalf of EUFOCUSGROUP to set up a meeting with Chemours representatives where the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chemours, a US based company, [REDACTED] would provide you with a clear view on the potential impacts of a REACH restriction on PFAS. Such process was initiated by 5 States including Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark & Norway and is currently in the hands of ECHA, the European Chemical Agency before it moves to the European Commission for a formal proposal, to be voted by Member States.

PFAS substances such as fluoropolymers are essential to microchips, cars manufacturing (all electric cables are coated with fluoropolymers for safety reasons), green hydrogen generation as membranes require fluoropolymers as well as photovoltaic cells and wind turbines blades. All cars are equipped with an AC system based on the new generation of fluoro gases. In other words, the economic and industrial consequences are dramatic while green deal objectives might be challenged, should this EU process go forward without care.

Europe must remain independent to generate all these technologies. Meetings at high level already took place with Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Sefkovic as well as Commissioners Breton and Sinkevicius or the French Minister of Industry.

The ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia has changed the perception of what is required, in terms of EU independence as regards many strategic components. These range from microchips to green energy solutions to compensate the high increase in gas prices and other energy products from Russia.

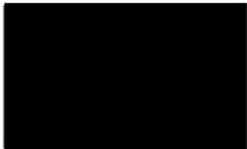
The Green deal requires that we move gradually to solutions that provide growth but with no to limited impacts on the environment. In this sense, a coherent and science-based regulatory framework for chemical legislation in Europe is needed. Protecting the environment and combatting climate are and should remain key priorities for the European Union, and should push the industry to invest in key sectors of decarbonization. However, the recent regulatory developments diverge from that trajectory and could carry the risk of creating a period of uncertainty. This could have adverse effects on significant industrial investments in the EU particularly in relation to planned manufacturing capacities for hydrogen and semiconductors in the coming years.

In this sense, we wish to organize a meeting in Bruxelles with you and your team in order to analyze the potential negative impact of a REACH restriction on PFAS.

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As we discussed the probable dates for this meeting are 18 or 19 of September, according to your agenda.

We are looking very much forward to the pleasure of meeting you.



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