

Meeting with AEGIR Marine

Brussel, 31/01/2024, 14:00 – 15:00

Participants

- [REDACTED] AEGIR Marine
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- [REDACTED] European Commission, DG MOVE
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Notes

- Welcome and introduction by COM explaining that the PFAS restriction dossier has been submitted by 4 MSs and Norway. The dossier is currently assessed by ECHA's committees. Commission is observer at this stage and cannot discuss the content.
- AEGIR explained the impact of the proposed PFAS restriction on the maritime industry and provided the submission document to ECHA's consultation.
- PFAS is especially used for stern tube seals. The seals protect sea water against oil and the stern tube against salty sea water.
- Seals are made of FKM (a fluoropolymer) and operate under extreme circumstances (high temperature, high pressure, sea water and oil).
- Currently there is no alternative available according to AEGIR. AEGIR has a R&D program together with several universities trying to find a suitable alternative. The time period between development of the alternative and the market introduction in new molds and replacing seals is 12-15 years in total.
- Alternatives are used for seals in less extreme circumstances since they are cheaper.