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Dear Mr 5.1.2e

I would like to come back on your request for a video call. In my previous email I have indicated that I will discuss your request with the other countries involved in the PFAS restriction work. Since the Netherlands is coordinating the research work on (the manufacture of) fluoropolymers, we agreed last week that I would contact you. We propose not to have a separate video call, but we would rather like to suggest to combine this with a next meeting organized by RPA to collect/discuss information on fluoropolymers. From the Netherlands, 5.1.2e and I can join the meeting. You can present the fluoropolymer industry and we can explain the ongoing activities for the PFAS restriction.

Kind regards,

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your quick reply. We were actually in a call with your consultants when new receive your mail.

I am at your disposal if you need additional information.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mr 5.1.2e

We highly appreciate the contribution from PlasticsEurope and its members in the call for evidence and the follow up questionnaires.

Yesterday, we had a meeting with our colleagues from the other Member States and we agreed to give the respective consultants additional time to finalize their reports. This will allow the consultants to extend the deadlines they are using for their contacts with stakeholders. It is now up to RPA to decide which deadline they will use for Plastics Europe (I can imagine that they will keep the general deadline the same to avoid too many late reactions, but use another deadline for big organizations with complex supply chains. So I leave this decision at RPA).

Regarding your request for video call, I will discuss this with the colleagues from the other Member States and will come back to you.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am sending this same e-mail to your colleagues Dr. [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] and Ms.

[REDACTED]

I originally reached out to you in September to request a meeting on the issue of fluoropolymers within the wider EU PFAS regulatory activities.

In the time leading up to and following the release of the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability, and the Staff Working Document on PFAS, the PlasticsEurope Fluoropolymer Group has been active in reaching out and supporting downstream users to encourage the value chain to be involved in providing data and information during the assessment of a potential PFAS Restriction.

Along with our group's response, each of our members has also replied individually to your "Call for Evidence supporting an analysis of restriction options for PFAS". We have engaged pro-actively with your consultants in charge of the various studies and have organized an exchange with them to present fluoropolymers and answer their questions on Friday 13 November.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to these additional surveys and to continue to work closely with you and all Member States. We are currently examining the questionnaires sent by your consultants. However, we want to raise our concerns about the extremely short deadlines that were given, to answer to these multiple questionnaires. Our industry wants to provide meaningful and reliable data taking into account many different critical applications.

Due to the nature of our supply chain, the task is particularly challenging as we have to reach out to our downstream users and wait for their replies. In some instances, this process requires multiple discussions as some downstream users may still not be fully aware of the process and its impact on their applications or industry. The allocation of our resources in such a short period of time is also extremely challenging given the current pandemic situation.

This call for evidence and its associated questionnaires are of utmost importance for the future of our industry, this is why we want to provide you with the most complete set of data available. Answering these detailed questionnaires in two weeks or less is unrealistic if we are to provide diligent and comprehensive answers, and we therefore kindly ask you to consider extending the deadline for responding.

We understand that the Norwegian agency agreed to extend the deadline for the F-gases

consultation. We would like to ask the other sector-specific consultations to be extended for, at least, the same period of time as well. The consultation on the 'PFAS production' by a consultant RPA would however require more time for the reasons mentioned above. We would therefore kindly ask you to extend the deadline to respond for this particular consultation to the end of February 2021.

We still welcome a video call with you to present the fluoropolymer industry, and dialogue with you on ongoing and expected EU regulatory initiatives related to the PFAS family of substances. This call would be an opportunity to answer to your questions on our submission and/or any further questions you might have.

I look forward to hearing from you on the possibility of an extension of deadline to respond to your consultants' questionnaire and on a video call.

Kind regards,

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