

Meeting with Syensqo

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Notes

Syensqo is specialty chemical company which recently spun off from Solvay. It has a broad portfolio, going from natural vanillin to composite materials for the aerospace industry. The headquarters are based in Brussels, and they have important production in France, Italy and Germany. Syensqo has a broad portfolio of fluoropolymers, and recently invested €500 million in France and US\$850 million in the United States to expand their production of PVDF, a critical fluoropolymer for among others EV batteries and vehicles. Syensqo indicated that their fluoropolymers are not used in consumer goods.

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Syensqo informed the Commission on their efforts to reduce emissions to water and air in their facilities in Italy and France. Syensqo signed the manufacturing programme for European fluoropolymer manufacturing sites discussed with FPG/Plastics Europe on 21 February 2024

DG GROW explained the REACH restriction process and the PFAS restriction dossier submitted by 4 Member States and Norway. ECHA is preparing its opinion and carried out a third-party consultation which resulted in over 5600 comments.

After COM have received ECHA's opinion, COM will prepare a proposal and discuss with Member States in the REACH Committee. If a qualified majority of the Member States support the proposal, the proposal will be sent for scrutiny to the EP and the Council. DG GROW indicated that critical uses will be derogated if suitable alternatives are not available.