

Meeting with Federchimica on REACH

Brussels, Commission premises (N105 [REDACTED]) – 15:00-16:00

Participants

Federchimica: [REDACTED]

European Commission (DG GROW.F.1): [REDACTED]

[The meeting took place in Italian, but the minutes are drafted in English as working language of the Commission.]

Federchimica represents about 1,500 Italian companies, 58% of them are SMEs (53% of companies have less than 10 employees), grouped in 17 associations. Federchimica noted that REACH has had a positive impact on the research efforts of companies. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] For restrictions, they highlighted that companies need time to find and implement alternatives. PFAS were mentioned as an example where time is needed for substitution in certain applications, recognising the need to address the risk posed by these substances.

Federchimica proposed to organise a follow-up meeting with the technical colleagues of Federchimica and, if possible, also with Italian SMEs.

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On PFAS, GROW.F.1 explained the restriction procedure and clarified that this restriction is not linked to the REACH revision. The Commission is aware that PFAS are used in semi-conductors, batteries and many more components applied in numerous sectors, including the defence and medical sectors and in net-zero technologies. Therefore, the Commission envisages 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 in their entire life cycle.