

Minutes on meeting with Emerson

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In person

Participants:

EMERSON:

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DG GROW:

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Emerson presented their activities and raised their concerns on the PFAS restriction proposal. Emerson requested support for the inclusion of a new use sector, named Industrial Automation Monitoring & Control (IAMC), in the PFAS restriction dossier, and for a 12-year derogation for fluoropolymers within IAMC. Emerson expressed concern that the restriction proposal did not differentiate between the various types of PFAS and highlighted the lack of suitable alternatives that could match the performance of current fluoropolymers, in most of the IAMC applications. Emerson outlined the critical applications fulfilled by IAMC Equipment and discussed the potential consequences of a universal PFAS Restriction in the sectors their products are used.

DG GROW provided information about the processes involved in the restriction proposal and the complexities of REACH restrictions. The Commission's project on Substitution Planning was discussed, including the concept of critical use. Both sides emphasized the importance of avoiding regrettable substitution and Emerson noted that providing flexibility and making information on substitution publicly available are essential for substitution.