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Meeting with Daikin and Kreab on PFAS

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Minutes

Participants: **European Commission:** [REDACTED]
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Daikin representatives presented the Daikin Group in the EU market: four industrial sites in the EU (two in Germany, one in France and one in Italy) as well as an innovation centre in Germany.

Daikin is a manufacturer of fluorochemicals, including fluoropolymers and F-gases. Daikin presented the fluoropolymers manufactured in the EU, and measures that are being taken to minimise emissions at their EU manufacturing sites.

Daikin expressed their support for the draft Commission Regulation restricting PFHxA, in particular concerning a specific list of restricted uses, which helps enforcement.

The European Commission explained the reasons for a targeted restriction of PFHxA and noted that the PFHxA restriction is not a blueprint for the U-PFAS restriction.

Concerning the U-PFAS restriction, Daikin noted that SMEs are struggling to find out where PFAS are used in their applications and is encouraging all actors in the supply chain to minimise PFAS emissions.

The European Commission explained the restriction process for the U-PFAS restriction, noting the different roles of the Dossier Submitters, ECHA and the Commission. The European Commission also informed about an existing Industry Policy Dialogue between the EU and Japan, with a specific Working Group on chemicals.

Outside of REACH, Daikin noted the importance of improving waste handling and of R&D support for innovative technologies for emission control and recycling. Daikin also informed that they are committed to the responsible manufacturing programme within the Fluoropolymer Product Group of Plastics Europe.