

Subject: Minutes meeting with Beryllium Science and Technology Association (BeST)-20/09/2022

Meeting with Beryllium Science and Technology Association (BeST) on REACH revision and Chemical Strategy for Sustainability

20 September 2022

Participants

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BeST: [REDACTED]

- The Beryllium Science and Technology Association (BeST) represents the manufacturers, suppliers and users of beryllium metal, beryllium containing alloys and beryllium oxide ceramics in the EU market.
- The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views on the CSS and the regulatory actions stemming from the strategy, specifically the essential use concept, the GRA and the REACH revision and how these could impact their business.
- Beryllium alloys are used in connectors, in cars and planes in articles that require to work under specific conditions. It is regulated under the CMD since 2019, OEL 200 ng/m³, risk for workers via inhalation.
- Beryllium is a very high cost material, it is only used if necessary, in combinations with Nickel and Gold for example.
- BeSt asked how the CLP classification could be changed, they have contacted the MS but no positive reaction.
- Beryllium is present in very low concentrations in the alloys and it is only used when certain functionalities are required.
- BeST claimed that substances should not be banned based only on hazard if the risk is under control and expressed concerns about the future implementation of GRA. There should be exemptions for safe use.
- COM explained the state of play of discussions on the REACH revision, the logic behind the planned generic restrictions and the essential use concept, the planned priority setting and work plans for the implementation of generic restrictions and areas where beryllium might be concerned.

