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Dear all,

Please find below information regarding an expert workshop on PFAS and fluorine free alternatives in textiles, upholstery, carpets, leather and apparel organised in the context of the DG ENV study.

If you wish to attend, please email [REDACTED] by Tuesday 3 December 2020.

Best regards,

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Subject: Interest in participating in an Expert Workshop *15th January 2020* - PFAS and fluorine free alternatives in textiles upholstery carpets leather and apparel

Dear all

As you may be aware, we are currently conducting a project for the European Commission (DG Environment) on polyfluoroalkyl and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in textiles upholstery carpets leather and apparel. This project is investigating the use of PFAS and their fluorine-free alternatives across a range of different applications in the above sectors including for example home textiles (e.g. carpets, rugs, curtains, soft furnishings); consumer apparel (outdoor clothing and equipment, sportswear, footwear); professional uses (e.g. medical, industrial and military applications) and other articles (e.g. for leather goods and outdoor applications).

The aims of the project are to investigate the following:

- the chemical identity and functionality of PFAS and alternatives in these sectors;
- the volumes of these chemicals on the market and in use for different applications;
- their environmental releases, and the potential hazard (and risk, to the extent possible) to human health, the environment and humans via the environment;
- the costs and technologies for remediation of soil and drinking water;
- examples of essential uses where certain product properties provided by PFAS are still required in these sectors.

We will be holding an expert stakeholder workshop as part of the project:

Where: DG Environment, European Commission, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Auderghem, Brussels, Belgium
When: 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 15th January 2020

The purpose of the workshop is to collect information on, and discuss the key issues relating to the topics outlined above. It will enable invited experts (including industry associations, manufacturers and/or retailers of products across the range of applications listed above, as well as researchers, national authorities and NGOs) to provide their inputs and expertise to address the following aspects:

- i. Assessing and verifying information gathered in the project to date, on the use of PFAS and alternatives in the applications outlined above;
- ii. The availability and technical feasibility of alternatives and their emissions and impacts;
- iii. Identifying and addressing, where possible, key data gaps where information is currently lacking;

As a recognised expert in this field, we would like to know if you would be interested in attending the workshop. **Please confirm your interest by responding to [REDACTED] by Tuesday 3 December 2020.**

Please note that this event is a technical workshop with a limited number of spaces. Therefore, Wood and the European Commission will make a selection of those interested to ensure a balanced representation of participants.

Formal invitations will then be sent to the selected attendees after this date. We kindly recommend that travel and accommodation are not booked until after this date, and the final list of attendees is confirmed. Invitees will receive a short background document and preliminary agenda in advance of the workshop.

The language of discussion will be English. You will have the opportunity to provide written submissions in advance.

Please also note that the costs of your attendance at the workshop will not be reimbursed by the project, or the European Commission.

I look forward to receiving your response to this request. If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our project team:

[REDACTED] (Project Manager) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Consultation Coordinator) [REDACTED]

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