

Minutes meeting SMEUnited – DG GROW Chemicals Units F.1-F.2

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Discussed:

- The Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

SMEUnited referred to their position paper, which lists many concerns, but also points to positive elements. SMEUnited is pleased to see that the Strategy emphasises simplification, innovation and enforcement in the EU. SMEUnited concerns relate to the generic risk assessment, the essential use concept and the separation of professional users. SMEUnited urges the COM to avoid a repetition of quick and poorly-designed obligations, such as the SCIP database in the Waste Framework Directive.

COM invited SMEUnited to use the opportunities of the public consultations on the REACH Revision (first one later this year) but also on the current Open Public Consultation on the Sustainable Products Initiative. COM also indicated that there will be at least one workshop on the essential use concept. SMEUnited confirmed that they received the invitation for the first meeting of the High Level Round Table.

- The REACH Revision

SMEUnited repeated some of its earlier positions, e.g. on polymers and on the burden and costs associated with an increased production from a low REACH registration tonnage band to a higher REACH registration tonnage band. COM indicated being aware of these issues and suggested SMEUnited to send those comments in their reaction to the inception impact assessment.

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