

Meeting report
FEICA - GROW Unit F1 meeting
on proposal for a training on safe use of most harmful chemicals

Purpose: on request of FEICA (the European association for adhesives and sealants manufacturers), to discuss about the improvement of professionals training and the extension of the GRA

Date: 8 Sept 2022, 11-12h

Participants:

- FEICA: [REDACTED]
- GROW Unit F1: [REDACTED]

FEICA:

- Presented their proposal on how to improve for training on the safe use of the most harmful chemicals in the professional sectors using adhesives and sealants. This is a heavily affected sector (large proportion of SMEs) and they fear that several chemicals will be banned without any risk assessment. A similar training requirement like the Diisocyanate restriction could be foreseen, but with a broader context on how to avoid exposure.
- Professional workers are already trained on how to work in their environment and the training on how to use most harmful chemicals can also be easily integrated. Training could potentially be complemented by other RMOA measures, if necessary.
- FEICA (together with DUCC) during last CARACAL meeting made proposal on development of such training and that training requirements could be alternatives to GRA bans, in particular for professional uses. Industry could provide training materials in all EU languages. FEICA offers its collaboration in this.

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- Provided an updated timeline for the REACH revision and noted that discussions are currently ongoing on how to implement GRA. GRA bans might not be the only tool to regulate risks for professional uses and training could be one of the potential elements to be considered.
- Latest REACH/OSH discussions are aiming at improving the interface between the two domains and good collaboration between the relevant services is established.

Slides presented by FEICA can be accessed [here](#).