

Minutes on Meeting with FDP Bundestagsfraktion on PFAS

26 June 2023

105 Av. des Nerviens, Bruxelles

Participants:

FDP:

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The two main topics of the meeting were the proposed universal PFAS restriction and the REACH revision.

Regarding the PFAS restriction, the FDP members expressed their concern about the broadness of the scope, which would be too much based on the criterium of persistency and cover many substances needed for the green transition. They think the restriction procedure should have been initiated under the revised regulation which would have allowed to better deal with essential uses. They also underlined that the German authorities involved in the preparation of the restriction dossier did not act on the basis of an agreement within the Government.

The Commission explained that it was aware of the difficulties of the broad scope and the need for policy coherence. While there were cases where PFAS could relatively easily be substituted, it would remain essential for other uses, which is why discussions about possible derogations and appropriate transition periods would need to take place in the coming years. The Commission made clear that it could not comment on the dossier before the opinion making in the ECHA Committees has concluded.

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