

Meeting DG GROW F1 and EURATEX 19 April 2023-Nerviens 105

Participants:

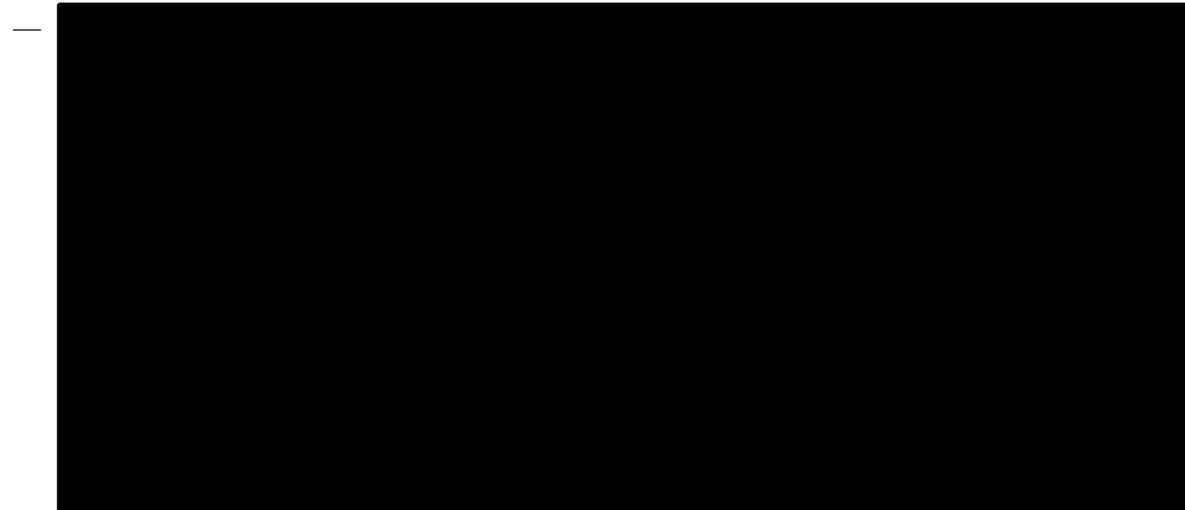
[REDACTED] (EURATEX, EU Transparency Register No.: 7824139202-85), [REDACTED] (Consejo Intertextil Español - CIE), [REDACTED] (Creamoda - Belgian fashion), [REDACTED] (European Man-made Fibres Association - CIRFS), [REDACTED] (Finnish Textile & Fashion - STJM), [REDACTED] (Textil + Mode - Gesamtverband der deutschen Textil- und Modeindustrie e. V. - T+M), [REDACTED] (Turkish Textile Employers' Association - TTSIS)

+ 42 online participants of the annual EURATEX meeting (list attached).

DG GROW: [REDACTED]

EURATEX is the European Apparel and Textile Confederation, an AISBL (international non-profit organisation) representing the interests of the European textile and clothing industry at the level of the EU institutions. EURATEX member federations represent in the EU some 143,000 companies with a turnover of €150 billion, employing 1.5 million workers

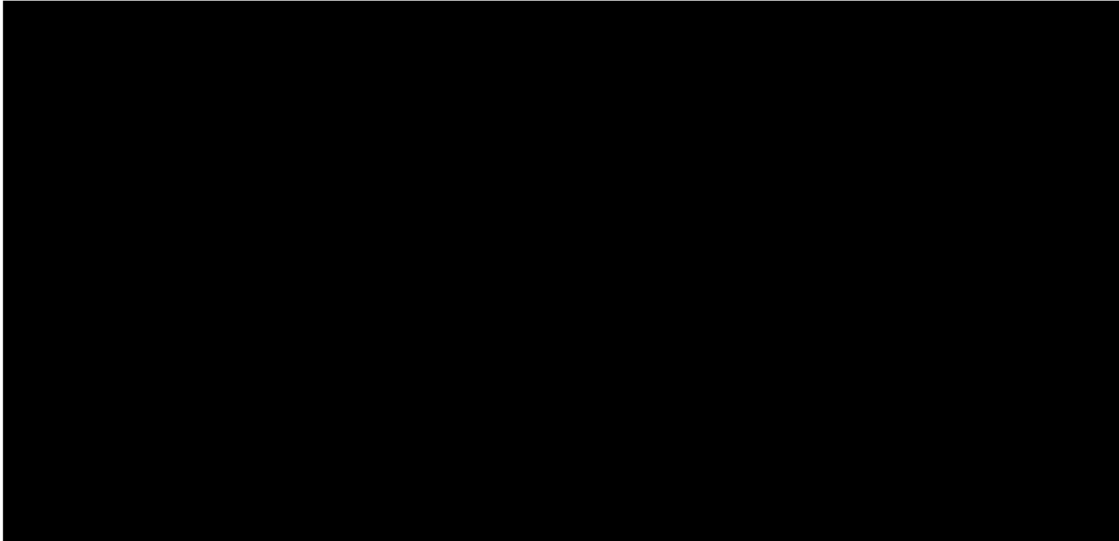
The meeting took place on the initiative of EURATEX which had asked for an opportunity to exchange views on several REACH related points affecting the textile industry.



— Regarding the PFHxA and U-PFAS restrictions, EURATEX called for derogations for substances that the textile industry would still need for very specific uses, such as personal protective equipment and technical textiles which must comply with legal safety requirements. They asked for clarification on the interlink between the two restrictions, especially in terms of deadlines and submission of information that they complained to be duplicated.

Concerning the U-PFAS restriction, the Commission explained that, before conclusion of the opinion making in RAC and SEAC, it could not engage in any discussions on the restriction's content and on possible derogations. Once it will have received the Committees' opinions, the Commission will draft the restriction proposal. The Commission encouraged the EURATEX representatives to submit their comments during the on-going six-month public consultation that ECHA launched on 22 March. Concerning the PFHxA restriction, the Commission noted that the restriction proposal

is planned to be discussed with the REACH Committee in June 2023. The Commission has tried to ensure a proportional approach for this restriction, and noted that the PFHxA and the UPFAS restrictions will be aligned.



Finally, the Commission said it was aware of the difficulties faced by SMEs and invited EURATEX to come back with concrete ideas on how the Commission could establish initiatives to support SMEs to cope with chemical legislation.