

| Agenda           | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1. Tour de table | <p data-bbox="507 333 882 365">– FPS Health and Environment</p> <p data-bbox="368 409 671 441">On the uPFAS restriction:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 486 1254 835" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First BE comment on the uPFAS Public Consultation (PC) has been submitted in May</li> <li>- Organized ad-hoc BCR meeting in May with colleagues from FAGG and biocides to discuss the restriction.</li> <li>- Preparing second comment on PC for uPFAS restriction more focussed on socio economic aspects</li> <li>- Q&amp;A on the uPFAS proposal has been published:<br/> <a href="https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/2156610/230405_upfas_webinar_qa_ds_en.pdf/3f47fdcc-17c5-4b37-b758-720bb7e462f3?t=1687893645025">https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/2156610/230405_upfas_webinar_qa_ds_en.pdf/3f47fdcc-17c5-4b37-b758-720bb7e462f3?t=1687893645025</a></li> </ul> <p data-bbox="368 880 1254 978">PFAS in fire-fighting foams (AFFF) restriction scientific opinions have been finalized. Opinions and background document will be send to Commission who will draft a proposal.</p> <p data-bbox="368 1023 866 1055">PFHxA restriction (see next agenda point)</p> <p data-bbox="368 1099 1254 1234">Got information that BXL is planning on organizing a PFAS event during the BE presidency (June 2024). To be discussed how this would correspond with the other planned PFAS events (VL event and OECD event in February 2024).</p> <p data-bbox="368 1279 1254 1346">Question to colleagues: possible to get some more info on the tijdelijk handelingskader on PFAS in soil?</p> <p data-bbox="368 1391 1254 1458">Victor Dries has contacted OVAM colleagues who are willing to present the proposal.</p> <div data-bbox="368 1491 916 1525" style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;"> <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; width: 15px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> </div> <p data-bbox="368 1570 1254 1637">PFAS use in Belgian Household textiles study has been finalized, main conclusions:</p> <ul data-bbox="416 1682 1254 1816" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PFAS are already being phased out in these uses</li> <li>- Only some still use them (one specific case of wallpaper indicated no alternatives available)</li> <li>- Also still use in sprays for reimpregnation</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="368 1850 635 1883" style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;"> <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> </div> | <p data-bbox="1257 333 1426 365">Action Points:</p> <p data-bbox="1257 409 1538 521">Contact VL colleagues on the tijdelijk handelingskader</p> <p data-bbox="1257 555 1538 622">Contact BXL colleagues on PFAS event</p> <p data-bbox="1257 667 1538 801">OVAM shares intermediate data on ZZS waste study if available</p> |

FAGG is making contact with stakeholders and starting to draft its position on the restriction proposal, will be shared with the CCIM at a later stage.

Coordinating with other VL colleagues on the uPFAS restriction and other PFAS restrictions.

OVAM is working on a project regarding “Zeer Zorgwekkende Stoffen” ZZS in waste with VITO, ZZS including PFAS.  
Will be looking at how to deal with ZZS in recyclable streams.  
Planned to be finished by the end of the year.

Second project: Measurement campaign for ZZS, Thursday next week first meeting on preliminary results.  
PFAS measurements done in sludge, incinerators, filter media, etc.  
Also planned to finish end of the year, intermediate data might be available next week.

Search for uses and pollution in the Walloon region.  
Worked on basis of permits, large amount of potential candidates have been identified.  
Searching for volunteers to analyse the data and have more detailed inquiry.  
Survey of the waters and ground characterization, 15 industries with clear suspicion identified. Will be investigated in more detail.

No big problems as in VL or other countries have been identified.  
FYI attended a PFAS congress in Paris, Italy problem with PFAS discussed, big PFAS pollution in Veneto region.

Question for OVAM: is the first mentioned study looking at all types of waste or specific? In WL ISSEP study is looking at metal scrubbers and influence of entered material on the outgoing pollutants.

OVAM: more broad than PFAS, POP waste also, looking to prioritise those waste streams that are most important, focus on stimulate circularity as much as possible.

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|                                                                      | <p>Study on PFAS is starting soon.<br/>Will be looking at PFAS use in Belgium, alternative assessment etc.<br/>Between now and 14/07 kick-off meeting colleagues will be invited to attend.</p> <p>State of play in the SEAC<br/>First draft opinion on uPFAS delivered, first conclusions on need for restriction and whether most appropriate.<br/>Talking about sectors, analysis of alternatives etc.<br/>Food packaging sector already looked at as a case study.<br/>Plenary meeting in September will be next discussions on consumer mixtures and musical instruments, ski wax and metal plating.</p> <p> c?</p> <p>Simon clarifies that only the third draft opinion will be public and open for comments (60 days. This is planned for end of March next year, but more expecting end of June next year.</p> <p>Follow-up of ZZS on EU level<br/>contacting colleagues to present the handelingskader.<br/>Also additional info might be available on inventory of polluted sites in VL.</p> <p> adds that VL is looking at linking this inventory with the POP requirements for inventory, work in progress between OVAM and local authorities and will be communicated on. Still to check whether suspected sites are actually polluted, this is being checked with local authorities.</p> <p> adds that soil investigations are also being carried out. It is a long list (more than 4000 sites) so capacity on labs and experts is limited. Pressure of local authorities and habitants is difficult. Blood testing is being demanded but limited populations to relevance is not certain.</p> |                                                                                                                                              |
| 2.<br>Information<br>note on the<br>PFHxA<br>restriction<br>proposal | <p>Presentation on PFHxA proposal.</p> <p> notes the proposal is not in line with CSS but also with precautionary principle, this would set a dangerous precedent. Even trying to add uses to the targeted approach would not be ideal, would be better to look at the proposal as whole again.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Following steps:</p> <p>Submit written comments by 01/09</p> <p>Contact other MS to check positions</p> <p>CCIM feedback possible but</p> |

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|                                                                                | <p>notes that the timing is quite short to provide comments considering the holiday period and the need to coordinate with different services. VL will be preparing a position with cabinet.</p> <p>clarifies that deadline was set by the Commission. This written comment is only a first step, will be a detailed discussion during the REACH Cee of October, and potential final discussion with vote in December.</p> <p>mentions that this approach also is not in line with what is seen in other Commission initiatives on water etc. There should be consistency between these approaches to ensure that actions complement each other. You cant reach better water quality if the production and use are not phased out.</p> <p>Discussion on the link between this restriction and the AFFF restriction. In theory the Commission has to come with a proposal within 3 months of receiving the opinions.</p> <p>Simon notes that this depends on when ECHA sends the dossier to the Commission.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | development and approval of BE position will be via BCR                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3. Draft second BE comment on the public consultation of the uPFAS restriction | <p>Presentation of the current comment proposal</p> <p>explains that on Medical devices first discussions are ongoing on the proposal. Knowledge is still limited as there are a lot of niche uses, in many cases not worth it to redevelop products. For pediatric use they are disappearing from the market. Difficult to get visibility on the whole sector.</p> <p>Medicinal products mentions that new regulation has bene revised, envi risk will also form a more important part in this revision. Envi risk will play a role in whether or not approval granted. Appropriateness of only active substances approach in uPFAS restriction is unclear.</p> <p>Use of PFAS in the production of medicinal products can also be important.</p> <p>For example for peptide synthesis this is common to do this in Teflon made vessels.</p> <p>Packaging might be a challenge as well, but are still gathering info on this. Still gathering info is the main action at the moment.</p> <p>Might be the case that they will propose a general derogation of the medical devices, but still under discussion.</p> <p>Or could be looking at longer derogation periods, still to be discussed.</p> <p>Also contacting stakeholders, many indicate challenges, but not all are providing concrete data and/or proof.</p> <p>notes that it would be interesting to have close contact on the development of the FAGG input, it would be ideal to have one combined BE coordinated comment.</p> | <p>Proposed follow up:</p> <p>Comment draft will ne shared in the coming weeks.</p> <p>CCIM members send in information and feedback by 01/09</p> <p>Final draft and discussion by mid-September</p> <p>Finalize and submit 22/09</p> |

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| 4. AOB | Next meeting to be planned in September. |  |
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