



Council of the European Union

General Secretariat

Directorate-General Communication and Information - COMM

Directorate Information and Outreach

Information Services Unit / Transparency

Head of Unit

Brussels, 8 March 2024

Ms Vicky Cann

E-mail: ask+request-14108-8b9d5862@asktheeu.org

Ref. 24/0337-mj/nb

Request made on: 26.01.2024

Deadline extension: 16.02.2024

Dear Ms Cann,

Thank you for your request for access to a list of all Council working party meetings and ministerial meetings where PFAS, per and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as 'forever chemicals' has been discussed since 1 January 2022 as well as the agendas for the meetings, and any minutes, notes, summaries, reports for those meetings.¹

According to our search in our data bases, PFAS was on the agenda of the following meetings:

- Environment Council of 24 October 2022
- Agriculture Council of 25 April 2023
- Working Party on Shipping of 16 November 2023
- Working Party on Shipping of 29 November 2023
- Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Shipping of 12 December 2023.

The following documents were identified as corresponding to your request:

- **13554/22**: Agenda of the Environment Council of 24 October 2022
- **13626/22**: Note of 17 October 2022 from GSC to Delegations on Findings, obstacles and opportunities in the management of PFAS pollution - Information from the Belgian delegation

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

- **13982/22**: Draft minutes of the Environment Council of 24 October 2022
- **8261/23**: Agenda of the Agriculture Council of 25 April 2023
- **8404/23**: Note of 19 April 2023 from GSC to Delegations on the establishment of new and lower maximum levels for PFAS in foodstuffs - Information from the Danish delegation on behalf of the Czech, Danish, German and Netherlands delegations
- **8611/23**: Draft minutes of the Agriculture Council of 25 April 2023
- **CM 5245/23**: Agenda of the meeting of the Working Party on Shipping of 16 November 2023
- **15181/23**: Note of 8 November 2023 from GSC to Delegations on the Preparation of IMO/SSE 10 (London, 4-8 March 2024) - Draft Union information paper to the 10th session of the International Maritime Organization's Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment containing information on the opinions of the scientific committees of the European Chemicals Agency on a restriction proposal with regard to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foams - Non-paper from the Commission
- **CM 5513/23**: Agenda of the meeting of the Working Party on Shipping of 29 November 2023
- **15410/23**: Note of 27 November 2023 from GSC to Delegations on the preparation of IMO/SSE 10 (London, 4-8 March 2024) - Draft Union information paper to the 10th session of the International Maritime Organization's Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment containing information on the opinions of the scientific committees of the European Chemicals Agency on a restriction proposal with regard to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foams
- **CM 5760/23**: Agenda of the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Shipping of 12 December 2023

You may have access to these documents. Most of them are already public but they are all attached for your convenience.

Please note that there are no minutes of the abovementioned meetings of the Working Party on Shipping.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

Enclosures: 11