

PFAS Working Group Webex

25 October 2021, 11-13h (Helsinki time)

Agenda

Chaired by [REDACTED] (ECHA)

1. **Welcome** ([REDACTED] 5 minutes)
2. **Follow up from the last meeting** ([REDACTED] 5 minutes)
3. **Strategic issues**

- PFAS action plan (60 minutes)
 - PFAS in groundwater and on-going legislative review ([REDACTED], COM)
 - PFAS in aquatic environment towards the legal framework: the current state, actions and future outlook ([REDACTED], JRC-ISPRA)
 - Discussion - (All)

Presentations covered key legislative and technical issues. Available in the scircabc folder for October 2021 PFAS WG webex. For further questions please contact: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

- Future development of the PFAS WG (20 minutes)
 - Progress on the discussion on the future activities of the group ([REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED])
 - Cooperation with ECHA Forum Secretariat ([REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], ECHA)
 - Discussion - (All)

The following issues were proposed to be covered during 2022:

- ✓ Regular updates from COM on CSS goals – EU legislation of interest
- ✓ Regular update on CAs work plan and hot topics discussed at MS level
- ✓ Regular update on restriction activities
- ✓ Periodical updates/exchange from/with EEA on agreed topics
- ✓ Invite guest speakers, following creation of a list of potential MS guests
- ✓ Case studies

In relation to the enforceability of the restrictions, the Forum Secretariat kindly reminded the importance of this aspect. However, timing for informal discussion on specific cases was considered premature and a follow up could be useful at a later stage to clarify whether discussion can be proposed on specific issues in the PFAS WG or in other groups.

4. **Restriction activities (updates)** 15 minutes

- Preparation of restriction of PFAS in fire-fighting foams ([REDACTED]) on behalf of Kivela Kalle and [REDACTED]
- PFHxA restriction ([REDACTED]) on behalf of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- Preparation of PFAS universal restriction ([REDACTED])

Updates were shared on the specific cases.

About PFAS in firefighting foams: the restriction will be submitted by ECHA in January 2022. Cooperation is ongoing with the countries working on the universal restriction on the hazard assessment. From Safer Chemicals Conference 2021:

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/10543934/pfas_simpson_20211006_en.pdf/d6e4f20e-6ee5-d0ef-6652-dfdd09b7a0c4?t=1633513168999

About PFHxA: RAC supported less derogations than the Dossier Submitter; RAC formed its opinion on the basis of a qualitative assessment of releases; one company (3M) was able to demonstrate that, although their substance is covered by the SID description, their substance does not form PFHxA but breaks into two smaller PFASs. The exception was included to the SID entry in the RAC opinion. The adoption of the SEAC final opinion is scheduled in November/December at SEAC-53.

About the universal restriction: the restriction will be submitted in July 2022. Drafting of the dossier is ongoing, after the end of the data gathering phase.

5. Any other business 15 minutes

Exchange about other issues, workshops, studies, projects (also for discussion via the PFAS WG distribution list or in the next webex) - (All)

- Next webex in December (All)
- HBM4EU PFAS data to be possibly presented in the next webex ([REDACTED])
- Data gathering: 1) updated data on members of the groups and 2) information on possible speakers (MS Guests) suggested by MS ([REDACTED])