

# Ad-Hoc Open BCR on the Universal PFAS restriction

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# Content of this presentation

- ▶ Intro on REACH restrictions and the PFAS restriction
  - ▶ Explanation on BCR and REACH cooperation agreement in BE
  - ▶ Agenda and timings
  - ▶ Practicalities for during the meeting
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- ▶ Main goal of today: possibility for BE stakeholders to voice their opinions on the UPFAS restriction under REACH

# REACH restriction process

- ▶ Limit or ban the **manufacture, placing on the market (including imports) or use of a substance**
- ▶ A restriction may apply to any **substance on its own, in a mixture or in an article**, including those that do not require registration
- ▶ Restriction dossier should include **hazard, risk and socio-economic analysis** (including alternative assessment)



## I Phase

Preparation and submission of a restriction proposal

- Starting the restriction process
- Notification of intention to submit a restriction proposal
- Registry of Intentions
- Preparing the restriction dossier
- Submission and conformity check



## II-A Phase

Consultations

- Consultation on the restriction report
- Consultation on SEAC's draft opinion



## II-B Phase

Opinion development

- Advice from the Forum
- RAC's opinion
- SEAC's opinion



## III Phase

Decision and follow-up

- Commission decision on restriction
- Complying with restriction
- Enforcing the restriction

See ECHA site: <https://echa.europa.eu/restriction-process>

# Universal PFAS Restriction dossier - Background

- ▶ 5 MS (Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark and Sweden) started work few years ago
- ▶ 2 stakeholder consultations have already been organized in 2020 and 2021
  - ▶ One preparatory workshop has been organized in 2020 by ECHA and MS
- ▶ Dossier has been made available on ECHA site since 07/02/2023
  - ▶ DE and NL held a press conference 07/02 to give first insights:  
<https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-publishes-pfas-restriction-proposal>

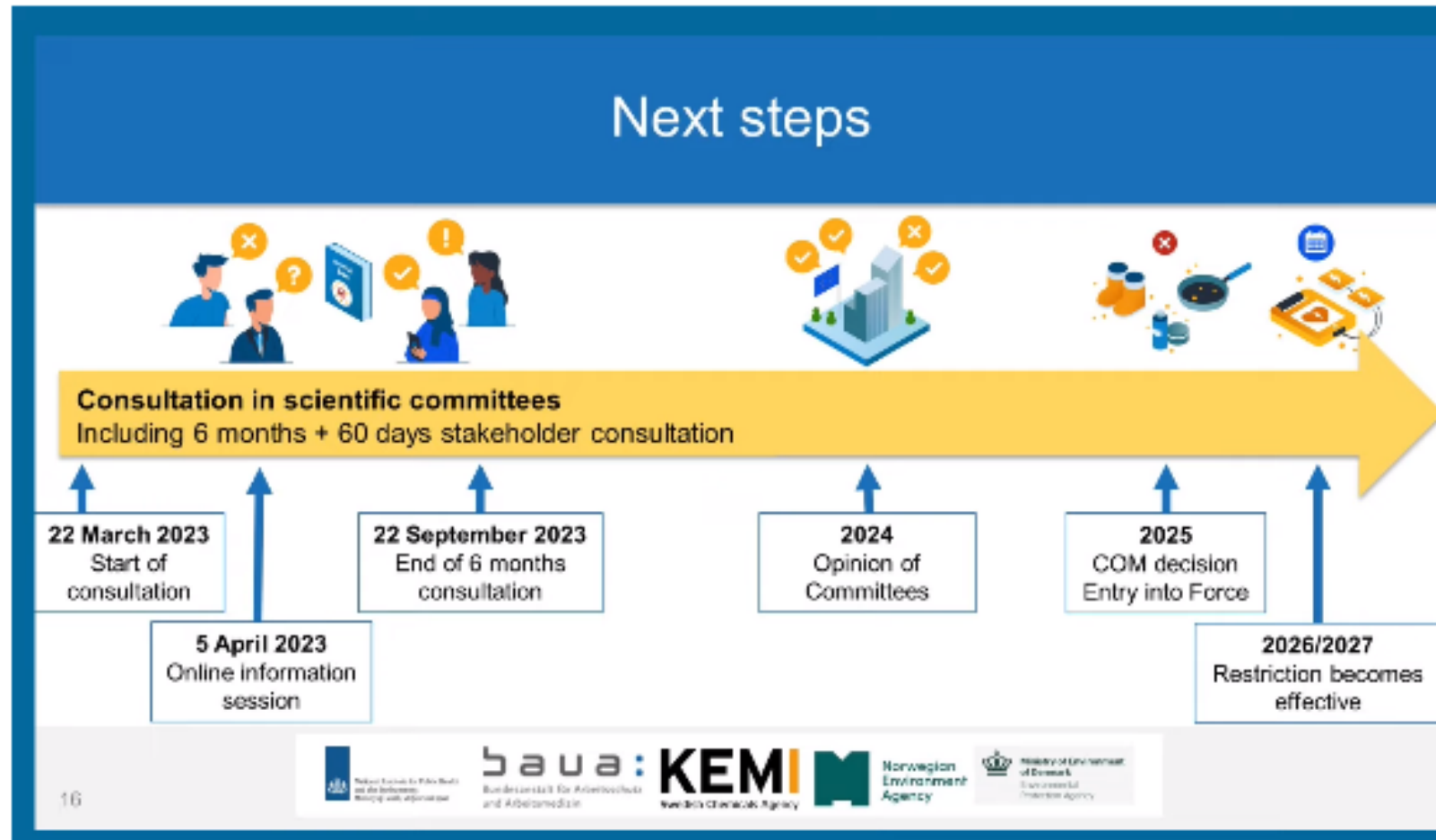


# Available - Documentation

- ▶ Documents can be found on the ECHA page: <https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e18663449b>
  - [Annex XV report](#): this is the base dossier in which you can find a summary, the proposal and general info on the evaluation done by the dossier submitter
  - [Annex A](#): Manufacture and Use of PFAS
  - [Annex B](#): Information on Hazards and Risks of PFAS
  - [Annex C](#): Justification for action on Union-wide basis – *this is an empty document referring to Section 1.2. of the base Annex XV report*
  - [Annex D](#): Baseline – *also an empty document referring to Section 1.3. of the Annex XV report*
  - [Annex E](#): Impact Assessment
  - [Annex F](#): Assumptions, uncertainties and sensitivities
  - [Annex G](#): Stakeholder information
    - [Appendix G1](#): call for evidence on restriction options
    - [Appendix G2](#): second call for evidence on restriction options
  - [Appendix E4](#): available analytical methods

# Further planning - Restriction process

- ▶ **22/03/2023:** Start Public Consultation
  - ▶ In Parallel RAC and SEAC started drafting their Opinion
  - ▶ **05/04: ECHA info webinar**
- ▶ **22/09/2023:** End of Public Consultation
- ▶ **2024:** Draft SEAC Opinion consultation
- ▶ **2024 - 2025:** Final Opinions and Annex XV adopted
- ▶ **2025 - 2026:** COM development of restriction proposal and REACH Cee (Member States) vote
- ▶ **2026-2027:** Entry into force
  - ▶ +/- **2030:** first transition period ends
  - ▶ +/- **2045:** last transition period ends



# Belgian decision-making process on REACH restrictions

- ▶ Implementation of REACH is partly a federal, partly a regional competence and partly a competence of the communities.
- ▶ Complexity of the application and enforcement of REACH requires a coordinated approach
- ▶ Reach - Cooperation agreement
  - ▶ Ensure the coordinated and effective implementation of REACH in Belgium (article 92 bis, § 1, of the special law of 8 August 1980 for reforming the bodies)
  - ▶ Authorities concerned
    - ▶ Federal: FPS Health and Environment, FPS Economy, FPS employment
    - ▶ Regional: Environment Brussels, Environment Health and Waste competences Flanders, Walloon region Environment and Health
- ▶ Creation of the Belgian REACH Committee (BCR)
  - ▶ Takes responsibility for coordinated cooperation and decisions by the parties to the agreement of cooperation to implement REACH in Belgium
- ▶ More info: [Reach - Cooperation agreement \(reachinbelgium.be\)](http://reachinbelgium.be)

# BCR and REACH restrictions

- ▶ All BE decisions and positions on restrictions are discussed for approval at the BCR
  - ▶ BE opinions and positions on restriction proposals during the Public Consultation
  - ▶ BE positions and decisions in the REACH Committee (Cee) meetings as BE representative
    - ▶ REACH Cee is where restriction proposals are discussed and voted by EU Member States
- ▶ BCR organizes open meetings 2 times per year
  - ▶ To give stakeholders the opportunity to voice their views on the subject
  - ▶ For specific cases Ad-Hoc meetings are organized → Ad-Hoc Open BCR on PFAS of today

# Final agenda

| Timing             | Intervention details              |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 09:00 – 09:30      | Connection and check-in           |
| 09:30 – 09:45      | Introduction by MRBC (BECA REACH) |
| 09:45              | Agoria                            |
| 10:00              | Fipra                             |
| 10:15              | BBL                               |
| 10:30              | Q&A                               |
| <b>10:45-11:00</b> | <b>Break</b>                      |
| 11:00              | EPEE (online)                     |
| 11:15              | Apple                             |
| 11:30              | Pharma.be (online)                |
| 11:45              | Digital Europe (online)           |
| 12:00              | Q&A                               |

# Practicalities

- ▶ Please respect the 10 minute timing for the presentations
- ▶ The focus of the presentations and discussions should be on the Belgian situation
- ▶ State your name and affiliation when you take the floor during the Q&A discussions
- ▶ Note that your presentations and interventions are not confidential
- ▶ Online participants:
  - ▶ Please stay muted
  - ▶ Raise your hand if you would like to intervene
  - ▶ Only turn camera on if you are going to speak
  - ▶ We cannot guarantee we will be following the chat
- ▶ The meeting will not be recorded

Questions?