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Subject: RE: ESBAF meeting request: REACH restriction on PFAS

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out to the Commission with your request to discuss the PFAS restriction. The Commission has not been involved in the preparation of the PFAS restriction dossier and will be an observer during the opinion making process in RAC and SEAC. The Commission cannot engage in any discussions on the content of the upcoming restrictions and on the possible derogations. Therefore, I cannot accept your invitation at this moment.

We would like to encourage ESBAF to submit all relevant information during the consultation of the PFAS restriction dossier organized by the European Chemicals Agency (deadline 25th September).

Kind regards,

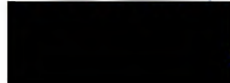


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Subject: ESBAF meeting request: REACH restriction on PFAS

Dear [REDACTED]

We are reaching out to you on behalf of the European Small Business Alliance for Fluoropolymers (ESBAF) to request a meeting in the coming weeks regarding the impending REACH restriction on PFAS.

ESBAF is a newly formed ad-hoc coalition of SMEs that utilize fluoropolymers across diverse and complex European supply chains and standard chemical processes. At present, ESBAF counts nine SMEs among its membership, covering various stages of the manufacturing supply chain, all of whom have only recently been alerted of the potential impacts of the PFAS restriction proposal and who are underrepresented in Brussels.

It appears to us that the restriction proposal in its current form does not fully take into account the indispensable role of fluoropolymers used by SMEs in Europe's complex supply chain. Even for strategic sectors which have derogated end-uses, the existing proposal threatens to bring manufacturing to a standstill due to the lack of viable alternatives for vital components such as valves, gaskets, and seals.

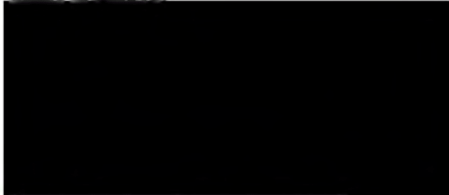
The potential repercussions on EU industry, particularly on SMEs which form the backbone of the EU economy, are deeply concerning. The impact of this restriction on SMEs dependent on fluoropolymers would be substantial, potentially leading to job losses and the closure of manufacturing sites.

In light of these concerns, we would like to request the opportunity to discuss these issues in person with you. We would be happy to illustrate our position with a concrete case study from our members.

We understand that you are both very busy and we are fully committed to accommodating your schedule. If you could share your availability in the coming weeks, we will readily adjust to your convenience.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet and discuss with you.

Kind regards,



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