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**Sent:** 07 November 2016 18:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]@euratex.eu'  
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**Subject:** FW: about PFOA restriction - meeting request  
**Attachments:** UNEP-POPS-POPRC12CO-LTR-PFOA-20160930.En.pdf

Now with the attachment that can be opened.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (GROW)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 07, 2016 6:26 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@euratex.eu  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED] (ENV)  
**Subject:** FW: about PFOA restriction - meeting request

Dear [REDACTED],

As mentioned at the meeting, PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds are being considered for designation as persistent organic pollutants ('POPs') under the Stockholm Convention. Currently there is an open invitation to submit, until 9 December 2016, information on socio-economic considerations specified in Annex F to the Convention for these substances (see document attached). Further information is available on the Convention's website (<http://chm.pops.int/>).



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Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]@euratex.eu]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (GROW)

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[REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED] (ENV); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (ENV); [REDACTED] (ENV)

**Subject:** RE: about PFOA restriction - meeting request

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your feedback, we look forward to meet you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> at 16.30 in DG

Grow

The ID data are herein enclosed

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**Sent:** jeudi 27 octobre 2016 10:50

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**Subject:** FW: about PFOA restriction - meeting request

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. As regards your suggestion to anticipate the meeting, I'm afraid that it is not possible due to prior compromises of some colleagues.

The meeting is thus scheduled to 7 November (Monday) at 16:30 at DG GROW premises at Avenue d'Auderghem 45, 1049-Brussels, BREYDEL BUILDING (Rond Point Schuman area).

Please note that as part of the increased security measures in the buildings of the Commission, prior registration of visitors in the e-Pass application is mandatory. Therefore, would you please send back to us the following information for each of the participants:

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When you enter our building, you have to present your identity document to the guard. The guard will check the identity document against the information contained in the e-Pass application which you will receive by email directly from the system. The guard will then provide you with the appropriate visitor's badge. We will meet you at the Reception desk upon your arrival and registration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]@euratex.eu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2016 9:55 AM  
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[REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED]  
(ENV); [REDACTED] (ENV); [REDACTED] (ENV)  
**Subject:** RE: about PFOA restriction - meeting request

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your very quick reply, appreciate that.

I wonder if anticipating to 14.00 or 14.30 would also be convenient for you and your colleagues.

Please note I shall be joined by two of my members.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu

**Subject:** FW: about PFOA restriction - meeting request  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails.

We take note of the concerns expressed and, as requested, would propose a meeting in DG GROW's premises (Avenue d'Auderghem 45, 1040 Bruxelles) on 7 November (Monday) at 16:30. We have also invited the colleagues from DG ENV, who share the responsibility for REACH.

We would appreciate your confirmation for the meeting.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@euratex.eu](mailto:[REDACTED]@euratex.eu)

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 8:53 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] (GROW)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

(GROW); [REDACTED] (GROW)

**Subject:** RE: about PFOA restriction - meeting request

**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]

I trust you are well, I'd like to briefly come back on the restriction proposal and kindly ask for a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Last week we discussed the proposal with our national members, including technical experts and we point out the following:

- The textile-relevant derogations requested after March have been mostly ignored; the need for fulfillment of standard is acknowledged only for water repellency
- There has been change in the formula of substances excluded the designation (page of the annex 2 , left column, last point) this suggests market disruption favoring some non-EU production
- The current proposal significantly diverges from the SEAC recommendation. i.e. moving from "*protective professional textiles*" to "*textiles for the protection of workers that must meet durable water repellency (DWR) performance standards*;" there is a huge gap. This leaves unsolved the issue of how to ensure oil, chemical protection etc. for individual.

We look forward to discuss these points with you, meanwhile I hope you may take this points into account in the next steps of this restriction

With kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**Subject:** RE: about PFOA restriction

Thanks ██████████ for your prompt reply

Dear ██████████ if you have any considerations on the points I raised below, I'd be glad to hear from you

I also wish to add in cc ██████████ (who accidentally was not in the my email of yesterday evening), with whom I am in contact primarily for other dossiers but also touching upon PFOA, due to the relevance for our sector.

Thanks and regards

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**Subject:** RE: about PFOA restriction

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email. I moved to DG SANTE as of 16<sup>th</sup> September and ██████████ (in copy) is now dealing with the PFOA file. Please liaise with her on your PFOA questions.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]@euratex.eu]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 6:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] (SANTE)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (GROW); [REDACTED]  
(GROW); [REDACTED]

**Subject:** about PFOA restriction

Dear [REDACTED]

Last Thursday we have spotted the EC proposal for annex XVII restriction update as notified to the WTO, ref. enclosed annex. I first wonder whether the enclosed document is the corrected final draft or else, if mistakes may have occurred.

Looking at the annex I point 3, we are glad to observe that the concept of 6-years-derogations needed to enable compliance with standards for protection of workers was apparently well received during the inter-service consultation.

We appreciate that.

That is indeed the point we made since the meeting in March and which we then attempted to further support with evidences gathered in the following weeks.

We were utterly surprised to see that, apparently, such concept is accepted but it is minimized to a fraction of its applications range, namely is referred to textile protecting vs water repellence and workers only.

Most of the evidences we received from companies do refer to PFOA-needs related to textiles for the protection of individuals (including but not limited to workers) against more critical threads, such as chemicals, oil, military defence etc.

In conclusion, if the enclosed text is the correct results of the internal consultation, we do not understand how can the standard-compliance concept be recognized but excluded for most of the relevant applications and people categories.

Any of your considerations will be highly appreciated.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]





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