

PFAS Working Group Webex

20 April 2021, 14-16h (Helsinki time)

Final agenda with notes

Chaired by [REDACTED] (ECHA)

32 participants

1. Welcome ([REDACTED]) 10 minutes

- Updated list of participants from MS to the PFAS group

Internal check about who is joining the group (note: list with a short "bio" can be prepared by ECHA as discussed by members in point 5)

2. Follow up from the last meeting (where relevant) ([REDACTED]) 5 minutes

3. Case studies 40 minutes

- Life Phoenix project: highlights and lessons learnt from a major PFAS pollution case in Italy - (Stefano Polesello from IRSA CNR, guest of IT MS, [REDACTED]) 20 minutes

- Discussion - (All), 15 minutes

Some studies on biomonitoring, socio economic aspects including costs, monitoring of PFAS impacts in agricultural areas, emerging and alternative PFAS, cC6O4 as substitute of PFOA and field evidence about this new substance were briefly presented. Discussion focused on cC6O4. Follow up questions can be made to the presenter

- Other pollution cases of interest for possible discussion in the next webex - (All), 5 minutes

Some other cases were shared in the chat and will be listed by ECHA and shared in follow up communication

4. Restriction activities (status of the projects and discussion) 20 minutes

- Preparation of restriction of PFAS in fire-fighting foams 10 minutes
 - State of play: main updates - [REDACTED] ECHA)
 - Discussion - (All)
- PFHxA restriction: 10 minutes
 - State of play: main updates - ([REDACTED], ECHA)
 - Discussion - (All)

Updates and challenges discussed. For FFF the team is refining the emission calculation and the cost calculation, looking at different transitional period. Data gaps still to be filled.

For PFHxA the current approach in the opinion development is more qualitative without presenting quantitative estimates. This created some problems in SEAC

- Future development of the PFAS WG - (ECHA) 10 minutes
 - Initial objectives and achievements (2014) - [REDACTED]
 - Common objectives and interests (2021-2023) - ([REDACTED]):
 - ✓ Identify topics for regular discussion
 - ✓ Identify topics for periodical discussion or action
 - ✓ Clarify expectations
- Discussion - (COM, MS) 30 minutes

Open discussion, including feedback sharing and brainstorming. Ideas will be listed by ECHA in a follow up document for further discussion. MS will search for internal feedback at national level and inform ECHA.

6. Any other business 5 minutes

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