

**Meeting JBCE, JEMIMA, JAIMA (Japanese associations) on PFAS
Brussels, Commission premises (N105), 23/06/2023, 14:00 – 15:00**

Participants

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Notes

First, the three associations introduced their organizations, the products they manufacture and the importance of these products:

- JBCE: representing interest of Japanese companies active in Europe.
- JEMIMA: Japan Electric Measuring Instruments Manufacturers' Association
- JAIMA: Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association

Both the electric measuring instruments and the analytical instruments are considered specialist instruments. Compared to consumer products (like mobile phones) sales per year in the EU are much lower (0.1%), there are many more products manufactured by mainly medium sized companies and there is a long supply chain.

Next, the need for the use of PFAS in different instruments was explained. PFAS (mostly or almost exclusively fluoropolymers) meet the various properties needed in these instruments (like chemical, pressure and temperature resistance). Alternatives do not meet all these properties. Finding one or a few alternatives that meet all the required properties is the main challenge. Even if alternatives exist, a sufficient transition period is needed.

Key messages:

- Specialist equipment is often critical for our society.
- Adequate derogations are necessary because of lack of alternatives.
- Existence of alternative substances does not automatically mean that final products can be produced with alternatives (safety, reliability etc.).
- Adequate transition period is necessary (reliability testing etc.).
- Spare parts: the "repair as produced" principle should be introduced.
- Lack of analysis methods.

During the presentation, the Commission asked some questions for clarification. The Commission thanked for the informative presentation and highlighted the need to submit information during the currently ongoing consultation.



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