

## Meeting with EPEE on U- PFAS and Essential Uses

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### Participants

EPEE – European Partnership for Energy and the Environment: [REDACTED]

Arkema: [REDACTED], Daikin Europe : [REDACTED] European FluoroCarbons Technical Committee at Cefic Sector Group: [REDACTED]

DG GROW: [REDACTED]

- EPEE, representing the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry in Europe, has asked DG GROW/F1 for a meeting to be informed on the future PFAS REACH restriction proposal by 5 MSs (the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark) as well as the state of play on the ESU concept.
- COM referred to the GRA and the ESU concept, which will be mainly used for restrictions concerning chemicals that are used by consumers and professionals. Authorities may exclude some uses. Industry would be able to ask for derogations. The assessment will be based on the ESU criteria.
- COM mentioned that there is a workshop on 3 March on ESU and that a background document on the workshop will be published on 18 February. The ESU concept will be proposed in the targeted REACH opening. COM informed industry about the timeframe of the REACH revision.
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- COM clarified that it expects that the regulatory measures on PFAS will be based on the current legal framework, not on the future provisions on ESU. At this stage, the restriction proposal is in the hands of the five proposing Member States, and COM is only superficially involved.