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Restriction – update on progress with restrictions

Annex XV restriction proposals under opinion making in RAC/SEAC

- **PFASs in firefighting foams (ECHA)**: Submitted Jan 2022. Restriction of PFASs in firefighting foams. Substance scope, hazard and risk from the universal PFAS (UPFAS) restriction. Proposal will act as an 'ice-breaker'. Consultation on Annex XV underway. Information session for stakeholders on 5th April 2022. **Final SEAC opinion currently scheduled for adoption Mar 2023 but likely to be very large consultation response that may cause a delay to opinion making** (ECHA: [REDACTED]; COM: [REDACTED])

Other

- Member States (NL, DE, SE, NO, DK) are working on a wide ('universal') **restriction on PFASs**. ECHA is supporting the work on a technical basis and cooperating on aspects relevant to ECHA's proposed restriction of PFAS in AFFF (see above). Submission data on ROI revised in January 2022 to **January 2023** (originally July 2022 - **a delay of six months**). Substance scope is to be aligned with updated OECD PFAS definition (ECHA: [REDACTED])