

Mandate for a Working Group of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) to handle Restriction dossiers

1. Introduction and objectives

The objective of this working group is to support, on behalf of RAC, the work of the rapporteurs in evaluating proposals for restrictions (Annex XV dossiers) and review opinions for efficient agreement by RAC, so reducing debating time in plenary meetings.

To this end and in accordance with the relevant Working Procedures of the Committee and the relevant ECHA Guidance, the Working Group is tasked with discussing the draft opinions prepared by the Rapporteurs.

The Working Group shall operate in an efficient and timely manner, within the scope as defined in Section 2, and shall deliver the output described there in line with Committee deadlines.

This mandate is valid for one year, renewable in writing by the Chair of RAC following consultation with the Agency and the Committee.

2. Scope of the Restriction Working Group

The Working Group's activities under this mandate are related to the proposals for restriction as defined in with Article 3(31) and Title VIII thereof, and Article 70 of the REACH Regulation.

The Working Group shall, in advance of the subsequent RAC-plenary meeting, if scheduled on the agenda of the working group, carry out the aforementioned evaluation of the proposed restriction as elaborated in the Rapporteur's draft opinions.

Following each meeting, the Working Group will prepare with the support of the Secretariat a brief report to RAC containing its advice on:

- The outcome of the evaluation of each proposed restriction;
- A list of opinions requiring plenary debate and highlighting in each case:
 - o which aspects are unlikely to need further discussion
 - o which aspects are recommended for further discussion and
 - o any unresolved items for agreement in RAC.

The work practices of the group shall be assessed with a view to refinement and efficiency in relation to the ECHA restriction process.

3. Validity

This mandate is valid until March 2025.