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Mandate for a Working Group of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) to handle Applications for Authorisation

1. Introduction and objectives

The Committee for Risk Assessment hereby establishes a Working Group, called the 'Authorisation Working Group' of RAC.

The objective of this working group is to support, on behalf of RAC, the work of the rapporteurs in evaluating the applications for authorisation 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 (1) developing, together with the Secretariat, the model opinions¹ on each use in an application for authorisation and (2) evaluating the subsequent 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 to below in line with Committee deadlines.

This mandate is until the end of 2020, renewable in writing by the Chairman of RAC following consultation with the Agency and the Committee.

2. Scope of an Authorisation Working Group

The Working Group's activities under this mandate are related to applications for authorisation as defined in Art. 61 to 64 of REACH.

The Working Group shall, in advance, and if scheduled on the agenda, of the subsequent RAC-plenary meeting, carry out the aforementioned (1) development of model opinions together with ECHA Secretariat and (2) evaluation of 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 opinion with a short summary in terms of the 'opinion tree';
- A list of opinions requiring plenary debate and highlighting, which specific aspects need to be discussed and any unresolved items for agreement in RAC;
- Opinions which may be A-listed for agreement without plenary debate.

The Working Group is not required to provide recommendations on matters relating to the length of the review period.

They should also make a suggestion to the Committee through the Rapporteur as to the conformity of the application.

¹ The model opinions are preliminary/short standardised opinions to be used as a preparation for the draft opinion.