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Subject: Request to ECHA to prepare an Annex XV dossier with a view to ban , if appropriate, grill lighter fluids and fuel for decorative lamps, labelled R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public, under entry 3 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH).

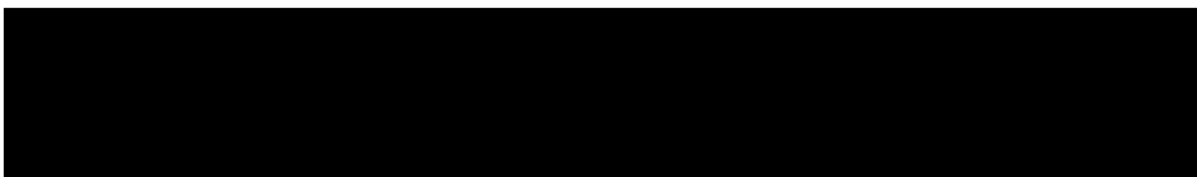
Dear Mr Dancet,

In line with paragraph 6 of entry 3 of Annex XVII to REACH, the Commission requests ECHA to prepare a dossier in accordance with Article 69 conforming to the requirements of Annex XV with a view to ban, if appropriate, grill lighter fluids and fuel for decorative lamps, labelled R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public.

With a view to facilitating this task and in line with paragraph 7 of entry 3 of Annex XVII to REACH, Member States are obliged to make available to the Commission the data that should have been provided to them by any natural or legal persons placing on the market for the first time lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled R65 or H304, by 1 December 2011, and annually thereafter, on alternatives to lamp oils and grill lighter fluids labelled R65 or H304. Until November 2013, the Commission has received a total of three reports, from Lithuania, Netherlands and Norway (see Annexes).

At the 13th Meeting of Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP (CARACAL), on 26-28 November 2013, the Commission services invited Member States to provide a complete set of information regarding lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled R65 and H304, in light of the provision set out in paragraph 7 of entry 3 of Annex XVII, by filling-in an online questionnaire, which was previously agreed with ECHA.

The questionnaire included questions on the number of natural or legal persons placing on the market for the first time lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled R65 or H304, on their alternatives and on the health problems registered due to their use. ECHA has informed the Commission that several Member States have provided information and we



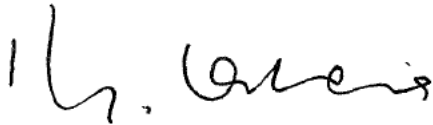
trust that ECHA will take this information into account for the preparation of the Annex XV dossier.

In the preparation of the Annex XV dossier, ECHA shall examine in particular the following aspects:

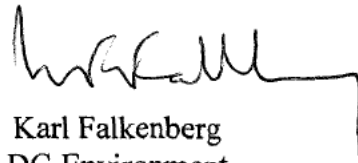
- the risks to human health due to the placing on the market and use of lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled R65 or H304,
- the number of accidents registered in the National Poison Centres or possibly in the National Health Services since 2008,
- the availability of alternatives to lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled R65 or H304, including for the use of lamp oils for cultural and/or religious purposes,
- the socio-economic impacts of banning lamp oils and grill lighter fluids, labelled R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public.

According to Article 69(3) of REACH, within 12 months of the receipt of this request from the Commission and if the dossier demonstrates that action on an EU-wide basis is necessary beyond any measures already in place, the Agency shall suggest restrictions in order to initiate the restrictions process.

Yours sincerely,



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Annexes: Reports from Lithuania, the Netherlands, and Norway.

