

Helsinki, 14 September 2023

RAC/66/2023/05

66TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR RISK ASSESSMENT

11-14 September 2022

Concerns:	Working group on application for authorisation (renewal of mandate)
Agenda Point:	10.1.3
Action requested:	For agreement

Note: the mandate of the Applications for Authorisation Working group of RAC is normally subject to review on an annual basis, this time a shorter mandate is proposed to align it with the mandate of other processes. No amendments to the previous mandate are proposed.

Mandate for the Committee for Risk Assessment Working Group on Applications for Authorisation

1. Introduction and objectives

The Committee for Risk Assessment established a working group, called the 'Committee for Risk Assessment Working Group on Applications for Authorisation (RAC AFA WG)' in 2019.

The objective of this working group is to support the work of the rapporteurs in evaluating the applications for authorisation and review reports. The working group will review and assess, making recommendations on the opinions for efficient agreement by RAC, so that debating time is reduced in plenary meetings.

Another objective of the working group is to discuss and make recommendations to RAC on relevant horizontal issues, e.g. methodology.

The working group shall follow the relevant Procedures of the Committee and ECHA Guidance.

The working group shall operate in an efficient manner, within the scope as defined in section 2 and shall deliver the output described below in line with Committee deadlines.

This mandate is valid until March 2024 (this is to ensure alignment with the renewal of other processes).

2. Scope of the Committee for Risk Assessment Working Group on Applications for Authorisation

The working group's activities under this mandate are related to applications for authorisation and review reports as defined in Art. 61 to 64 of REACH.

The working group shall carry out the aforementioned review and assessment of the Rapporteur's draft opinions, mainly when scheduled on the agenda of the subsequent RAC-plenary meeting.

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

- The outcome of the review of each opinion with clear conclusions and action points;
- 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 are suitable for 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.

The working group shall maintain a list of relevant horizontal issues which the Committee and the Secretariat can request them to discuss and report on from time to time.

Agreed by RAC on *14 September 2023*