

Notes from PETCO7 Meeting report (Helsinki, 30-31 May 2017)

23 external participants attended the meeting representing 10 Member States (BE, DE, DK, EE, LT, FI, FR, NL, PL and SE), the European Commission (DG GROW) and 6 accredited stakeholders organisations (Concawe, CEFIC Coal Chemicals Sector Group (CCSG), AECM, Lower Olefins and Aromatics (LOA), Higher Olefins & Poly Alpha Olefins (HOPA) and CEFIC hydrocarbon solvents)¹.

For the first time a session for authorities (MS, COM) was held. The agenda of the authorities' session was made available to all participants of the meeting beforehand and elements discussed under the authorities' session reported to the open session. The updated blueprint was also discussed and agreed.

To **enhance transparency** on the work done under PetCo all participants to the meeting agreed to have a webpage dedicated to PETCO under ECHA's website "Substances of potential concern" where the SVHC Roadmap sits (link: <https://echa.europa.eu/substances-of-potential-concern>). It was also agreed to investigate whether a short report of the discussion at each meeting could also be included on the webpage. The finalised approach on how to prioritise and address PetCO substances will be uploaded on the website.

One of the aim of the authorities' session was to discuss and align further the views among authorities on **which information is needed to be able to move forward (e.g to regulatory risk management) with the substances** resulting from the application of the prioritisation approach. For instance which level of information on composition is needed to ensure confidence in the applicability of hazard data for a given substance and what additional hazard data needs to be generated before moving further to regulatory risk management. To support the discussion specific examples of substances were brought up by Member States. It was concluded that a specific workshop/meeting should be organised by ECHA and authorities after the summer break to discuss this further before the next PetCo meeting in the autumn.

The draft **RMOA on PAHs** prepared by Germany was also discussed and it is clear that the proposed action to identify all individual PAHs listed by Germany in their RMOA as substances of very high concern leading to inclusion in the Candidate list will continue. The main aim is to raise awareness among industry and to have a legally binding confirmation that those PAHs have PBT/vPvB properties. A small working group will work further on a proposal for discussion on how to best regulate PetCo substances from a risk management perspective before the next PETCO meeting.

Stakeholders came all with a plan of actions for their substances and provided further data. These data need to be looked at in order to discuss the next steps.

¹ NGOs are invited to participate to the meeting