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EFCTC ready to continue assisting in building robust and comprehensive data sets for the PFAS Registry of Intentions for a REACH restriction

EFCTC notes the publication of the Registry of Intentions for a REACH- restriction by Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden and looks forward to working with the authorities to ensure that the data sets on F-gases developed to support any resultant REACH restrictions are as robust and comprehensive as possible.

EFCTC notes the publication of the Registry of Intentions for a REACH restriction by Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. The additional opportunity that has been provided to help submit further data and comment on the existing information will enable producers and users of F-gases, which are already rigorously controlled under the EU F-gas Regulation No.517/2014, to build on those data contained in the publication (and its associated report¹).

EFCTC, companies and users of fluorinated gases² are well-placed to contribute further details on possible uses and related potential exposure patterns for specific sectors and applications.

In July 2020, EFCTC submitted a complete dossier in response to the call for evidence on PFAS³, and looks forward to providing further data to ensure any resultant REACH restriction proposal is robust, comprehensive, and workable for all parties. EFCTC believes that any such proposal should take into account the recently issued OECD guidelines⁴ which emphasise that PFAS is a broad, general, non-specific term, which does not inform whether a compound is harmful and is not a basis for regulation. To this end, the members of the EFCTC continue to engage with the users of fluorinated gases and whole supply chain to encourage the submission of data.

The EU F-gas Regulation is currently under revision and a draft proposal for its amendment is expected to be published by the European Commission in Q4 2021. It is anticipated that controls to minimise emissions of fluorinated gases to the environment from equipment, during maintenance and servicing as well as at the end of life will be strengthened and extended to cover emissions of HFOs and HCFOs.

¹ [EEA Report No 15/2020 Fluorinated greenhouse gases 2020 Data reported by companies on the production, import, export and destruction of fluorinated greenhouse gases in the European Union, 2007-2019](#)

² HFCs hydrofluorocarbons, HFOs hydrofluoro-olefins, and HCFOs hydrochlorofluoro-olefins

³ [EFCTC press release on PFAS call for evidence, 31 August 2020](#)

⁴ OECD report [Reconciling Terminology of the Universe of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances: Recommendations and Practical Guidance](#), 9 June 2021

These will further reduce impacts of emissions of F-gases and their break-down products on the environment.

EFCTC stands ready to work with all stakeholders to ensure that emissions of F-gases are controlled and minimised, while ensuring that their benefits of safety, technical performance and lower GWPs can continue to be available for users contributing to the objective to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.

About EFCTC

The European FluoroCarbons Technical Committee is a Cefic Sector Group that monitors legislation related to HFCs (hydrofluorocarbons), and HFOs (hydrofluoro-olefins) in the EU and at global level.

Fluorocarbons are used as feedstock, as refrigerants, as solvents and as blowing agents for insulation plastic foams.

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