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MINUTES

1. Introduction.

A workshop is planned between Eurométaux and ECHA to introduce the general approach the NFM sector will be taking on the risk assessment of their UVCBs. At this workshop, case studies of the PM and other sectors will be presented and discussed. The Eurométaux delegation will probably consist of Violaine Verougstraete, Hugo Waeterschoot and Federica Iaccino (Eurométaux), Daniel Vetter (EBRC), Frederik Verdonck (Arche) and Katia Lacasse (chair of the Eurométaux REACH intermediate task force). The workshop will probably not take place before early June 2013 and is a continuation of previous discussions held between ECHA and Eurométaux on assessment of inorganic UVCBs under REACH. It is noted that ECHA will not communicate bilaterally with companies but will communicate with sector associations so discussion of the PM Refinables approach with ECHA can only go through Eurométaux.

Aim of this call:

- To get participants' agreement on using their (anonymised) data for the ECHA workshop;
- To inform participants on the status of the PM Refinables exposure assessment and clarify a few points still needed to improve the approach in order to proceed with the development of a PM case study for the ECHA workshop.

2. Discussion of common workplaces / "activity classes".

A list of activity classes (ACs) was developed by EBRC for all reported activities/processes during handling of Refinables. Information provided with measured data, i.e. information on tasks that were conducted by the worker during the measurement and information on assigned workplaces for these measurements according to the occ. exp. questionnaire was used as a basis for the definition of these ACs. ACs reflect a set of specific exposure settings (e.g. specific ratio of melting point and process temperature or enclosure of process). However, other settings such as localised controls are not reflected in the ACs (but will be considered in the analysis of measured data for the ACs).

The current list of ACs is available in Annex 1. Data submitters are invited to provide feedback on the appropriateness of the list and to indicate if they feel the current list is complete. As it is based on the activities reported for monitoring data, it is possible that activities for which no monitoring data have been reported, are not covered by the current ACs. If new ACs are added for which monitoring data are currently missing, an exposure assessment could still be conducted (e.g. by read-across, based on literature data, based on modelled data).

Comments/additions:

- AC15 is listed separately and not covered under AC1-2 because monitoring data assigned specifically to sampling were submitted, and thus this is considered as representing another scope of operation.
- Once the list of ACs has been reviewed, monitoring data can be assigned more appropriately if



needed.

- AC16-19 refer to job rotation.

Action: Data submitters to review the list of ACs and provide feedback to EBRC [by 3 May 2013](#).

3. Conduct of workshop on the risk assessment of metal UVCBs with ECHA.

It is proposed to contribute to the ECHA workshop with the presentation of the approach taken by the Refinable's sector. An example for presentation will be developed, showing how measured data are used in the exposure assessment for the Refinables. Names of companies that have submitted exposure data will not be revealed. Even the name of the industry sector could be hidden, although this may easily be guessable from the composition of the handled materials.

There are currently no objections from the data submitters to use their data for the development of an example for ECHA. It is therefore assumed that there are no objections from the data submitters that participated in the call.

Action: Data submitters to indicate if they do not agree with the use of their data [by 3 May 2013](#).

4. Potential need for further input from data submitters.

EBRC mentions that further input from data submitters may be needed:

- Further short(!) questions on composition profiles of handled substances may be required. These questions will be very generic (e.g. what is the concentration range of arsenic over all handled substances in the workplace?). This information will be collected via email/telephone interviews.
- Additional data gathering of bio-monitoring data (blood lead). Whether this is useful is currently still under consideration. This will be further discussed at the next PM Refinables meeting on 18 June.

Actions:

- **EBRC to send additional questions on composition profiles of handled substances to data submitters [by 3 May 2013](#).**
- **Data submitters to respond to additional questions from EBRC [by 17 May 2013](#) and to indicate if the provided data are confidential!**

Annexes

1. Discussion points for telecom (EBRC, 19 Apr 2013) including list of activity classes