Online Meeting Archroma on use of PFHxA
6/03/2023, 11:00 – 12:00

Participants

Archroma:

• (KREAB)
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European Commission:

• (DG ENV)
• (DG GROW)

Notes

Archroma shortly explained their activities in specialty chemicals across the textile, paper and emulsions sectors. The numbers on the share in the portfolio are slightly outdated as Archroma very recently took over Huntsman textiles. Archroma explained the C6 production process indicating the strictly controlled conditions, including measures to prevent emissions to air and water and monitoring requirements.

Archroma indicated their support for several derogations in the PFHxA restriction as mentioned by SEAC, like the derogation for certain PPE’s, medical devices and medical textiles, filtration media and technical textiles used in transport. According to Archroma the derogation for technical textiles used in transport should be formulated broader (not only for engine bays). In addition, Archroma indicated the need for a derogation for fabric upholstery for professional uses. Archroma clarified that they consider the use of upholstery in f.e. cars, trains and planes ‘professional’.

The Commission asked several clarifying questions on specific elements in the presentation. The Commission indicated that they currently preparing a proposal for amending REACH Annex XVII regarding PFHxA. The Commission aims to discuss this proposal in the April 2023 REACH Committee meeting.

Finally, Archroma rasied the issue of increasing the threshold limit for C8 and C9-C14 PFCA for isolated transported intermediates and the recently submitted UPFAS dossier. The threshold limits were discussed before between Archroma and Commission. Commission explained that the issue was presented to the Competent Authorities of REACH and the POP regulation. However, there is clearly no support from the CA’s to raise the limits. The Commission encouraged Archroma to submit their comments during the consultation of the UPFAS dossier.