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Cc: [redacted] (SG); [redacted] (SG); [redacted] (SG)
Subject: Microplastics in cosmetics/detergents: Meeting with Cosmetics Europe and AISE 14 July

Participants: [redacted] (SG), John Chave, Director-General of Cosmetics Europe and Susanne Zänker, Director-General of AISE

Mr Chave and Ms Zänker presented the view of their industry with regards to the issue of microplastics intentionally added in cosmetics and detergents. They pointed out that cosmetics and detergent only represent a small share of microplastics emissions into the environment, yet they understand the a need to address the issue. They presented the voluntary commitments already in place and expressed a preference for EU level regulatory intervention compared to national ones. Commenting on the possible regulatory pathways, they believe restrictions via REACH would be preferable, although they are aware of concerns from other parts of the industry about the creation of precedents with regards to polymers. They also expressed some concern with regards the scope of a possible restrictions, calling for a lower size threshold to specifically target micro beads. The explained that for the latter substitutes are available, while an open ended definition (e.g. covering all plastic particle below 5mm) would entail the discontinuation of some products where plastic particles are used in very small quantities for specific functionality reason. They regretted that a broad definition had been used lately by the Commission in the ecolabel criteria for detergents.

SG took note of the position expressed and informed about the expected timing for adoption of the Plastics Strategy.

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Subject: Microplastics in cosmetics/detergents - Request for a Meeting

Dear

It was nice to meet you last night at the P&G dinner.

I am just following up on the possibility of a meeting to discuss possible regulatory developments relating to microplastics affecting the cosmetics and detergents sectors - my colleague Susanne Zänker from AISE is in copy.

I am aware that you will be departing on holiday towards the end of the month. I have to travel next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but both Susanne and I are available on Monday and Friday (after 11.00) if that would suit.

Anyway, I look forward to hearing from you.

All the very best

John
John Chave
Director-General



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