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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING WITH CONCAWE AND FUELS EUROPE ON THE LEGAL PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT REGULATION ADDING A NEW ANNEX TO CLP ON HARMONISED INFORMATION RELATING TO EMERGENCY HEALTH RESPONSE

Date and place: 4 October 2016, DG GROW premises

Participants:

- [REDACTED] (Fuels Europe)
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Draft Commission Regulation on harmonised information relating to emergency health response

Concawe explained the workability issues the petroleum industry has with the Draft Commission Regulation. In particular, the concentration ranges which are specified in the Regulation and which are to be used for the reporting of the composition of mixtures to poison centres are considered too narrow for petroleum products. A number of examples were presented illustrating the wide and variable concentration ranges of components contained in petroleum products.

Concawe claimed that current practice for notifications in many Member States is to provide the information contained in Safety Data Sheets, where reporting of concentration ranges of 0 – 100% is allowed. It requested that the current practice would continue to be allowed under the new Regulation. In addition, it stated that it had understood that a working group would be set up to look at the issue of the concentration ranges specified in the Regulation and indicated that it would like to be involved in any discussion taking place on the matter.

COM confirmed that the Draft Regulation received a favourable vote at the previous week's REACH Committee meeting and that – when adopted – the first date of applicability will be 1st January 2020. Furthermore, it explained that the issue of the concentration ranges will be studied by COM and – if necessary – an amendment to the Commission Regulation could be proposed before the date of applicability. The modalities under which the matter will be studied are to be decided upon, but COM invited both Concawe and Fuels Europe to take part in the process and welcomed their willingness to provide input.

Challenges faced by EU refineries

Fuels Europe gave a short overview of the challenges which the EU refining industry is currently facing and focused briefly on EU policy issues with a direct impact on their industry. In particular, with regard to the REACH Regulation and the REACH REFIT evaluation which is currently ongoing, it was stated that for industry it is important to have a stable REACH Regulation.

COM replied that it should be noted that European industrial policy is more and more embedded in all sector policies rather than being a standalone policy. On the REACH REFIT evaluation, it commented that stakeholder consultation is an important element and that all relevant stakeholders will be consulted.