

Meeting of [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3M) with Claire Bury, Deputy Director General, DG Health and Food Safety)

Topic: Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Date: 8 July 2022, 10 h 30 – 11 h 30

Place: DG Health and Food Safety

Participants:

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3M) and 3 officers from 3M)
- Claire Bury (Deputy Director General, DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE) and one official from SANTE).

At the beginning of the meeting, it was stressed that DG SANTE is responsible for the regulation of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in food and feed. As regards the discussions on the restriction of the use of PFAS substances within the frame of REACH, other departments within the Commission are responsible.

[REDACTED] presented through a presentation the

- company 3M;
- efforts that 3M is doing to reduce the PFAS discharge in the environment;
- value of PFAS for use in certain application to achieve EU Green Deal policy objectives which cannot be substituted by other solutions;
- different toxicological properties that the different substances with the PFAS group have;
- comments that 3M has on the EFSA opinion, ongoing scientific studies of which the outcome is questioning the conclusions in the EFSA opinion;
- the impact of the EFSA opinion on analytical feasibility, remediation targets, and regulatory levels in feed, food and drinking water;
- recommendations for a differentiated approach between various PFAS given the different properties of different PFAS substances and the need to consider the benefits of persistence and durability in the context of circular economy and other EU Green Deal objectives.

Presentation is enclosed:



Ms Bury replied that the ongoing discussions on maximum levels for PFAS in food proposed by the Commission are science based on the conclusions of the EFSA opinion. The EFSA opinion was developed by independent scientists taking into account the most recent scientific information. The draft of the EFSA opinion has been published for public consultation and 3M has provided extensive comments which EFSA has considered before finalising the opinion. In case 3M would have new scientific information available in addition to what was provided in the public consultation, 3M is invited to share that information with DG SANTE. DG SANTE can then enquire with EFSA whether an update of the EFSA risk assessment might be needed taking into account this new scientific information.