

## **PetCo working group 20<sup>th</sup> meeting notes (webex, 25 April 2023)**

### **Hybrid meeting**

The 20<sup>th</sup> PETCO WG meeting took place remotely on 19 April.

26 participants attended the meeting remotely representing 6 Member States (BE, DE, ES, PL, NL, DK) and 4 industry organisations (Concawe, CEFIC Coal Chemicals Sector Group (CCSG), Lower Olefins and Aromatics (LOA), HydroCarbon Solvents (HCSC)).

The focus of the meeting was to discuss **progress with stakeholders from both human health and environmental hazard assessment**. Stakeholders provided an update of their work. ECHA made clear that there is a need to have clarity on timelines for submission of testing proposals for all categories, accounting for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ECHA's corresponding strategic priorities. ECHA initiated parallel discussion with the different consortia and will also consider how to address the orphan substances (i.e. those which are not part of a consortium).

In the context of the **restriction roadmap**, petroleum substances have been included in the restriction roadmap (pool 2) for which further investigation work needs to be done before moving to restriction. At the 19<sup>th</sup> PetCo meeting, a consultant working for ECHA introduced their work on gathering more detailed information on the uses of the substances supported by Concawe. ECHA has been looking at the uses reported in the registration dossiers for the other consortia. To decide how to move forward with the different substances ECHA will assess the regulatory needs of the substances based on available information. Some exchange will be organised to see how the different consortia can contribute to this work during 2023. Some consortia said that they are currently reviewing the uses and this information can be provided later on to ECHA.