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NOTE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OUTCOME OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE MB/WP/01/2018

Extension of the scope of the ECHA Cloud Service to non-SMEs

Background

The Management Board had been requested by written procedure to approve the opening of the ECHA Cloud Service to a broader user community, beyond the current restricted use for SMEs.

The proposal was submitted on 3 May 2018 in line with Article 8 of the Board's Rules of procedure¹. The deadline for casting votes by return email was set to 14 May 2018.

Outcome of the vote

The required two third majority of members with voting rights agreed within the deadline for replies. (30 votes in favour / no vote against / no abstentions). A full overview is attached.

Comments

In line with the Management Board Rules of Procedure, a proposal for decision by written procedure is not subject to amendments and shall be approved or rejected in its entirety. The Commission representatives (DG GROW/ENV) agreed with the proposal and made the following comments for follow up by ECHA in the June 2018 Management Board meeting.

1. ECHA needs to accelerate the ex-post evaluation of the SME Cloud Services planned for 2018 in order to verify that the resources allocated were consistent with the objectives set and the results obtained correspond to what was expected. ECHA is requested to report to the Management Board on the conclusions of the ex-post evaluation as soon as they are available. Any preliminary findings on the reasons (internal or external) why the expected number of SMEs subscribing to the SME Cloud Service has not materialised should be shared with the Management Board.
2. The Commission requested ECHA in 2016 to explore how to make the SME Cloud Services attractive for large companies and to what extent the impact on ECHA's budget deriving from maintaining two parallel systems can be minimised.

These comments are addressed in attachment 2 to this note.

Final result

The proposal was therefore adopted with the necessary two-third majority of all members with the right to vote.

The Secretariat

Attachments:

1. Overview of the votes
2. Information about the status of the ex-post evaluation of the Cloud Service and the future plans in relation to maintaining two parallel IUCLID systems

¹ MB/51/2012 final