NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 01/2020

MINUTES

Meeting in Bluepoint Center

Bd A. Reyers 80, 1030 Brussels

**Wednesday 11 March 2020, 09:30-15:00 (CEST)**

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**Participants**

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| Ana Maria Couras (PT)  Inara Jonieskene (LT)  Jelena Pejcinovic (Serbia)  Hans Razenberg (NVZ)  Françoise Van Tiggelen, Detic  *By phone:*  Giuseppe Abello  Sari Karjooma (FIN)  Philip Malpass (UK)  Anna Melvas (SE)  Istvan Muranyi (HU)  Mihaela Rabu, (RO) | *From A.I.S.E:*  Sascha Nissen  Jan Robinson  Valérie Séjourné  Mohamed Temsamani  *Apologies:*  Yu-Ting Chen, Detic  Bernard Cloetta (CH)  Pilar Espina, Adelma  Helle Fabiansen (DK)  Thomas Keiser, IKW  Thomas Rauch, IHO |

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Hans Razenberg and Valerie Séjourné welcomed the participants in the room and on WebEx on behalf of Sari Karjomaa who could not travel. They informed the National Associations Committee that Susanne Zänker could not join due to sickness.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING (27/11/2019)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. All actions were completed, ongoing or covered by today’s agenda.

1. **GOVERNANCE**
   1. **Short debrief on last Board meeting (13 Feb 2020)**

V. Séjourné provided a brief summary; the minutes are available on the extranet. The 2019 budget recap was presented and some carry over budget will be asked for 2020 due to some delay in project or lack of staff.

An exchange with Kirsi Ekroth-Manssila of DG GROW was much appreciated. Further interactions are expected.

The Board approved the formation of a Consultative Panel to assess the impacts and relevance of the Green Deal. The Digitalisation Roadmap was also approved. The Board made a request for greater interaction with retailers.

* 1. **General Assembly**: (V. Séjourné)

* + 1. Membership fees 2021

V. Séjourné indicated, after consultation with C. Baier, that there will be no indexation of the fees for 2021, hence no change respect to the fees for 2020. P. Malpass confirmed that UKCPI will continue to pay full fees for 2021, but there is an expectation of a change in focus and diversion of resources in 2022. This indication was welcomed by the NAC members.

* + 1. Nomination Board Vice-Chairperson

The current vice-chair, Hans Razenberg, will step down from the Board as there is a rotation every 2 years in the BELUX cluster. Françoise Van Tiggelen (who will take over for BELUX) is willing to stand as a candidate unless there is any other volunteer.

***ACTION****:*

*- NAC candidates for vice-chair to inform NAC by 1 April*

* + 1. Clusters

An email has been sent out by C. Dubois on the topic of clusters, please respond to her request in due time.

1. **EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL**  (M. Temsamani)

M. Temsamani presented the status of the package, which is now expected to include additional granularity in the form of ‘sectoral Green Deals’; this could provide an opportunity for A.I.S.E. to influence and shape the direction. The package adopted on 10 March included the New Industrial Strategy for Europe. Publication of the Circular Economy Action Plan is expected on 11 March; this is anticipated to include measures to ‘close the loop’ on specific products.

The industrial policy published on 10 March included issues already familiar to A.I.S.E. related to factors blocking the Single Market, and initiatives for digital transition on which A.I.S.E. has its own projects. A.I.S.E. is seeking to list and categorise all issues encountered at national level, in order to build appropriate advocacy. F. Van Tiggelen remarked that many issues stem from vague or imprecise legal text, and it is important that legislation is well-written in the first instance; implementation is often addressed in guidance, which is not enforceable in a court of law. The role of the Commission will be very important, in guiding the Member States regarding the intention of the legislation: this can be a key message to be communicated by A.I.S.E.

The ‘zero pollution’ strategy is due in 2021, and the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability in summer 2020 (new name for the former ‘Non-Toxic Environment Strategy’). The latter is likely to pick up the issue of ‘cocktail effect’ of chemicals.

A.I.S.E. has made an initial assessment of the impact and priority of the various elements of the Green Deal. A Consultation Panel has been convened to analyse the implications of the package and to identify opportunities for collaboration; interested parties are still welcome to join if not already done. Two meetings are planned for 26 March and 8 May; the former may need to be converted to one or two WebEx sessions.

***ACTION****:*

*- volunteers for Consultation Panel to inform M. Temsamani as soon as possible.*

A.I.S.E. will continue to follow the Climate Law published on 4 March, but the initial assessment suggests that the sector is in a strong position on production level thanks to the results achieved through the Charter; the Commission welcomes initiatives from industry sectors. It was commented that there is still much scope to address the role of consumers: in this context A.I.S.E. does not need to start from scratch. S. Nissen remarked also that there should be a good analysis of the energy situation in each country (where products are manufactured and used), as this proved to be a key factor in PEF. What A.I.S.E. can usefully provide to national associations is messages on how consumers can reduce their energy consumption.

1. **SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES**

* 1. **Charter 2020+**

* + 1. **Status overview including Symposium**  (S.Nissen)

66 manufacturing companies have migrated to Charter 2020+, covering so far 75% of the self-funded budget via membership fees for this year; this represents an income of about 170K, i.e. a current shortfall of 50K versus the budget. In addition, 22 retailers and distributors are in Charter 2020+, including relevant German, French and UK organisations.

It is estimated that about 100 manufacturing companies will be needed to reach the break-even as per the new business model for the funding of the Charter, and there is good potential with 51 still in the 2010 version. There are continuous efforts to promote the value of the Charter and the benefits to upgrade all over Europe (see presentation for details), though some of the meetings for the coming weeks were cancelled because of the Coronavirus crisis. Progress is closely been monitored by the SSG and the A.I.S.E. team. The Sustainability SG will discuss at its next meeting on 1 April on options concerning further measures to be taken in case the break-even may not be reached by the deadline for migration, i.e. 30 June 2020.

Main objectives of the 1st Charter Symposium, held on 12 February in Brussels, were met, i.e.:

* promote Charter 2020+ to the industry network (as we are still in the phase to recruit companies to join Charter 2020+);
* inform external stakeholders including retailers with the purpose of reputation building and increasing 3rd party recognition;
* engage Charter members and offer them the opportunity to provide input, share good practice and exchange.

The target groups were well covered with about 80 delegates participating from the A.I.S.E. industry network, manufacturing Charter members and non-Charter members, retailers, value chain partners (ingredients, packaging, APPLiA and Ginetex), the European Commission, and other external stakeholders.

Participants confirmed the very good quality of the programme and speakers as:

- well-tailored for the audience, very comprehensive, useful and exhaustive for attendees, also as introduction to the Charter;

- well balanced between topics as well as presentations vs. panel discussions;

- forward-looking concerning:

* cooperation with the European Commission, also highlighted by Director-General DG Environment Daniel Calleja Crespo, who recognised A.I.S.E.’s pro-active initiatives, especially the Charter (see also A.I.S.E. press release, incl. a quote from him as follows: “[…] We welcome initiatives such as the A.I.S.E. Charter for Sustainable Cleaning, which contributes to the circular economy objectives covered by the Green Deal. Sector associations can be very influential in the transition needed and enable progress for the whole industry, facilitating also value chain collaboration”;
  + further improvements via collaboration within the industry sector (household and PC&H) and the value chain, with special focus on retailers;
  + increasement of awareness level by consumers, e.g. via better use of Charter product standard logo by Charter members and communications efforts.

National associations were invited to share news of any activities or opportunities to promote and achieve recognition of the Charter among third-party stakeholder organisations.

* 1. **Plastics and Packaging**
     1. **Circular Plastics Alliance (CPA) - latest developments**  (S.Nissen)

A.I.S.E. is represented in the CPA Packaging Working Group, which also features contribution by JRC. Striving to a harmonised approach, also with regard to definitions (e.g. on recyclability and recycled content), ‘Design for recyclability’ is a key focus; the intention is to frame future discussion with the objective to develop, update/revise design for recycling guidelines for all priority plastic products, including packaging; A.I.S.E. is also member in a dedicated sub-group.

The work streams are being closely followed by NGOs to ensure that the commitment to the Plastics Strategy are met. National associations welcome this common engagement by European experts to establish proper standards which work for all stakeholders, since they face constant pressure nationally. A.M. Couras noted that the relevant industries for recyclability do not exist in all Member States. In this context, S. Nissen remarked that Portugal is the only Member State to engage in the Circular Plastics Alliance, whereas other Member States launched the European Plastics Pact on 6 March, especially led by the French and Dutch government, including further membership of European Member States plus countries outside of the European Union. Targets for 2025 focus on plastic packaging and single use plastic products, aligned with the leading Member States agendas. There is a call of CPA members to avoid duplication of efforts through cooperation and harmonisation with this Pact.

* + 1. **Recycled plastic and quality standards** (F.Angiulli)

Demands to increase the recycled plastic content of packaging could raise issues of quality. No official European standards for non-food contact materials are expected before 2025 as the priority focus is on food contact materials for now. Plastics Recyclers Europe is therefore taking a lead for industry; a date is waited for a meeting/next steps.

* + 1. **EPR schemes**  (F.Angiulli)

Consumer packaging waste is well-addressed by A.I.S.E.’s initiative on household plastic packaging in the Packaging Task Force, but there was a wish to offer something similar for the PC&H sector. The PC&H SG asked the Secretariat to produce a mapping of best practices at national level in terms of i) EPR rules, making a distinction between industrial/professional waste and professional waste ending up in the consumer waste collection and ii) best practices/GPP practices existing at national level. The A.I.S.E. Secretariat is developing a survey which will be circulated in due course, and any existing available information to support such mapping is invited.

* + 1. **EU Plastics tax**  (M. Temsamani)

For information (see pre-reading).

It was asked whether the tax will be harmonised across Member States. M. Temsamani advised that there is a standard calculation for Member States set at EU level (0.80 € / kg, minimum), but the way in which this will be passed on to industry by Member States may vary. The tax is not yet formally adopted; more may be known by summer. A tour de table could be held at a future meeting.

* + 1. **Single use plastics** (M. Temsamani)

For information (see pre-reading).

1. **CONSUMER INFORMATION/INGREDIENTS TRANSPARENCY** (V.Séjourné)

V. Sejourné presented the A.I.S.E. Roadmap for Digital Transition and Consumer Information, which was approved by the Board in February 2020. Work is now in progress to organise for the work. Underneath a horizontal Digitalisation Working Group, an Ad Hoc Task Force is being created to address industry ingredient messaging. National Associations Committee members are invited to nominate any relevant experts.

***ACTION****:*

*- nominations for Ad Hoc TF to be communicated to V.Séjourné and G. Sebastio as soon as possible*

V. Séjourné informed about A.I.S.E.’s position on ‘scoring’ apps, and upcoming events and activities to promote A.I.S.E.’s digital strategy including a Members’ Forum on ingredient messaging on 9 June. Following the joint letter to the Commission from the ‘Digital Information Alliance’ on 3 March, A.I.S.E. will be part of a small delegation to meet with BEUC at the end of March.

A.I.S.E. is closely following the development of the European Commission’s own strategy for a digital future, including analysing the results of a recent Eurobarometer survey.

The Digitalisation Working Group will also decide on potential activities to feed into a Commission study on opportunities to digitalise labels (call for tender being re-launched).

***ACTION****:*

*- NAC members to inform V. Sejourné about any developments in their country related to digitalisation of on pack information and development of apps for our sector.*

1. **REGULATORY ISSUES**
   1. **Ex-post review of the Detergents Regulation**

A.I.S.E. gave an update on the work carried out regarding the ex-post review of the Detergent Regulation. A key next step is a joint meeting organised for 27 March between the Detergent Working Group and Advocacy Steering Group to discuss the strategy for the ex-post review of the Detergent Regulation.

It was requested whether A.I.S.E. could target the legislation to ensure national authorities do not impose translation requirements that are very different between member states. It was explained that this was not possible due to the translation requirements being part of the main body of the legal text, and the A.I.S.E. position being that essential elements of the regulation should not be targeted. Also, the details of translation requirements are currently done via the National Legislation and not the Detergent Regulation which A.I.S.E. would not cover.

* 1. **CLP Annex VIII**  (D.Byrne)

The Secretariat is unaware of any issues arising from the retrospective application of the first amendment (change of first compliance deadline to 1 January 2021), but invites national associations to signal any such information.

The draft legal text is awaited for the second amendment (workability amendments), which will undergo a final discussion at CARACAL-34 on 31 March. The technical criteria for the Interchangeable Component Group (sameness of ‘toxicological profile’) are expected to be addressed in guidance after the adoption of the legal text. Publication in Official Journal is expected in July 2020. Until the legal amendments are known, ECHA does not commit unequivocally to implement fully in IT tools by October 2020; this will be monitored closely for potential impacts on members.

* 1. **Liquid Detergent Capsules** (D.Byrne)

The findings of the REACH-EN-FORCE-6 project relating to LDCs were presented for information (see pre-reading and slides). The finding regarding capsule strength is being addressed by A.I.S.E.’s activity on development of an ISO standard for capsules, although this work is relatively slow and bureaucratic.

The finding that in 22% of cases, “the closure of the outer packaging did not maintain its functionality when repeatedly opened and closed during the life span of the packaging” cannot be readily followed up as the report lacks supporting information on what this meant or how the situation should be improved.

A.I.S.E. has been invited to present on LDCs at the next CARACAL meeting on 31 March\*. The latest incident statistics provide a positive narrative to share, and the objective is to convince the Commission and Member States that industry can be trusted to continue its progress and further regulatory action is not required.

**\*Post Meeting Note:** Following this presentation, Commission Services announced the cancellation of the face-to-face meeting of CARACAL on 31 March due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Europe. At the time of writing Commission Services has proposed a web conference on 31 March 2020 to discuss the following (time sensitive) topics:

* CLP: Annex VIII (workability amendment)
* REACH: Revocation of registration decisions
* REACH: Update on the activities in relation to the amendments of the REACH Annexes for nanoforms

Discussion of all other topics on the draft agenda of the 31 March – 01 April face-to-face meeting of CARACAL (including CLP measures for LDCs) have been deferred until the next scheduled meeting of CARACAL. CARACAL is scheduled to meet next 30 June – 01 July 2020.

* 1. **Update on Polymers Requiring Registration under REACH** (G.Sebastio)

A.I.S.E. gave an update on the next steps of the Commission regarding the polymers requiring registration, with the plan to create a CARACAL Subgroup on polymers.

The recommendation of secretariat is for A.I.S.E. to participate to the CARACAL subgroup. However, the required experts will be necessary to ensure A.I.S.E. can establish its position on the polymers prior to June when the subgroup will be launched. Given that the polymers will require both health and environmental experts, Secretariat recommends that the environmental expertise of the Microplastics Task Force be incorporated into the polymers’ discussion.

Options to organize the relevant experts to discuss and define the A.I.S.E. position on polymers.

1. Work to be under the REACH Working Group - inclusion of more experts on polymers/ microplastics within the RIWG on an ad hoc basis.
2. Technical experts of the Microplastics Task Force to transition and be revamped into a Polymers TF (include environment and health experts); This Polymers Task Force would report to the RIWG.
3. For a separate Polymers Task Force to be created in March/April, including the experts on microplastics, health and environment to contribute to the preparation for the CARACAL subgroup on polymers. The Microplastics Task Force would then complete its mandate.

This will be discussed with the RIWG and Microplastic Task Force for the opinion of the technical experts.

The NAC had a question on what the issue for companies on polymers registration was precisely and was not clear why companies would not welcome the additional information that would come from polymers:

Secretariat outlined that there were strategic concerns for companies related to increasing costs:

* + - A registration process that is not fit-for-purpose risks:

- Cost of polymers could increase;

- Classification of polymers impacting the classification of final mixture (Reformulation); - Suppliers may not register all relevant polymers (Reformulation);

* Also, companies have concerns on the need for data on polymers to be provided via animal testing and commitments companies have made to reduce or eliminate this.

It was also clarified that A.I.S.E. has activated DUCC on this topic, so concerns of downstream users are represented.

* 1. **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)** (G.Sebastio)

On 6 March the A.I.S.E. IAQ Working Group discussed the future of the Working Group taking into account:

- The new development regarding air quality in Europe and the mixing of discussions between outdoor and indoor air;

- The earnings from the webinar on the PSP for Air Fresheners held by A.I.S.E. in January 2020;

- The possibility to align with counterparts in the US – HCPA/ACI on the topic so as to have a common industry message.

The NAC was be given an update on the discussion and proposals from the IAQ WG.

Results of discussion of 6th March call:

- Support for European alignment;

- Agree to alignment with US (HCPA/ACI);

- To build position papers that outline the common points and the differences between the EU and US context;

- Support of the involvement of the PC&H sector

Other points to be discussed:

* + Additional voluntary action;
  + Possibility of aligning to WHO limits as described in the Green Deal;
  + Literature survey to be carried out on targeted topics;
  + Need for more clarity of environmental topics/Charter;
  + Continuing discussion on the A.I.S.E. PSP on Air Fresheners Criteria (PSP Webinar feedback).

A second call would be scheduled in April to continue the discussion on some of the pending points.

Comments received from the NAC:

* Due to the country specific focus of the NEC directive, each member state will be governed by how to meet its own targets. This can limit the scope for alignment;
* The need to protect the harmonised single market is key;
* Some alignment can be sought, e.g. a common position on traffic light labelling;
* There was support for the need to align with other sectors and to anticipate the problem/ show proactivity
  1. **Biocides** (E. Cazelle)

A short discussion on in-can preservatives took place at the February meeting of the Competent Authorities, based on a paper from CEPE on risk assessment of isothiazolinones. Policy questions, such as authorisation on the basis of provision of gloves, were deferred until the science has been addressed. As such Commission mandated ECHA to work on the Quantitative Risk Assessment methodology and encouraged Industry to participate actively to this work. Toxicological experts from A.I.S.E. and CEPE will attend the next ECHA BPC Working Group meeting end of March; ECHA is expected to report to the Commission by the end of the year.

The A.I.S.E. Board mandated the Biocides Working Group to review the ECJ ruling on a probiotic cleaner and issue a clarification paper for members, taking into account the importance of claims. A.M. Couras cautioned that any impact on previous borderline case resolutions must be avoided. Once drafted by the Biocides Working Group, the proposed paper will be circulated to the National Associations network to ensure that all are comfortable with its content.

The new guidance on Biocidal Products Families is not yet finalised due to the re-incorporation of some Q&As from the 2014 guidance. It is expected to be concluded at the May CA meeting.

1. **COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**
   1. **Coronavirus and our industry**

This issue is being taken seriously by A.I.S.E. as by others, but there is also an important message in how the industry’s products can contribute positively. Two draft documents are in circulation for comment:

* A draft advocacy paper for the Commission
* Draft consumer information for the cleanright.eu website (if agreed as appropriate)

***ACTION****:*

*- NAC members to send comments by e.o.b. on 12 March*

NAC members expressed concern about implied biocidal claims for bleaches, which could negatively impact on previous interpretations/rulings. Care should be taken simply to emphasise existing good hygiene advice, as A.I.S.E. does not possess scientific evidence to back up any claims of efficacy on this virus. It was noted that the advice is intended only for the consumer market, and there is no intention to provide advice for professional hygiene in this scenario.

The Secretariat will decide how to proceed on 13 March after reviewing all of the feedback received.

* 1. **Fragmentation of Single Market for detergents**  (M. Temsamani)

A.I.S.E. proposes to launch a new project to gather information on ‘gold plating’ in Member States and to make a roadmap for advocacy to address this. A proposal will be made in the coming weeks.

* 1. **Microplastics Advocacy**  (M. Temsamani)

A.I.S.E. will continue to try to influence politically following publication of the RAC and SEAC opinions in the coming weeks. The socio-economic analysis conducted for A.I.S.E. by Eftec will be revisited . A.I.S.E. will attend both meetings. This preparation of the documents is done in close cooperation with IFRA-Europe and with a transparent communication towards Cefic and Cosmetics Europe. The focus areas at RAC for A.I.S.E. are on the criteria for solubility and biodegradability. This is to ensure the restriction is based on a clear definition, proportionate and implementable without adding unjustified administrative burden on companies.

The Micro Plastics Task Force met F2F on 4 February to prepare a timeline for the needs in 2020 on advocacy and communication, on top of technical ones, to ensure the membership is prepared.

A final combined SEAC and RAC Opinion is expected in over the summer. Since it will be sent to European Commission and publicly available to stakeholders, the Secretariat will ensure a series of key messages are made available to members for use at national level and within their organizations. An advocacy Roadmap will also be presented, and the issue is on the agenda of the Technical Workshop during the General Assembly.

The MP TF recognized that in 2019 the FTEs invested in the work on this dossier were double then envisaged, but this was needed due to the high priority of this dossier; this comment will be raised with the MC/NAC during the discussion on the work programme in March. In 2020, the resources will remain high to cover the technical, socio-economic, advocacy and communication aspects, impacting therefore both, forecast in FTE and budget.

* 1. **Cleanright - Status of language versions**  (A.O’Kane)

Translated versions of cleanright.eu (partial or complete) will go live once these have been validated by the national associations. National associations were encouraged to promote the new cleanright.eu and to ensure that all old media materials are removed from their own websites and communications. It was reminded also that the materials are only for B2B use until the translated sites go live.

* 1. **COMMSNET update: 2020 projects and communications** (A.O’Kane/D.Tarenzi)

**training for network**

The activities of COMMSNET and the resources available to the network on the extranet were presented.

A. O’Kane presented the proposal for a training on “use of data for visual communication”, i.e. to develop infographics. D.Tarenzi added that COMMSNET will endeavour to identify all the available tools to develop such materials at low cost.

National associations were also encouraged to inform COMMSNET or the Secretariat at any time of requests/needs for training or support.

A survey of newsletters in the national associations network will be launched imminently. COMMSNET will discuss and brainstorm the results with a view to identify improvements and possible training needs for next year.

In closing Daniele noted his satisfaction with the work of COMMSNET.

1. **TOUR DE TABLE AND EMERGING ISSUES AT NATIONAL LEVELS**

**Romania:**

* Biocide: National Commission is requiring for products that are in transition (under Authorisation) to fullfill with the national order requirements (e.g. testing efficacy) even though the produts are in the transition period under BPR;
* Chemicals: UFI abbreviation not corrected in the Romanian text of the Regulation (i.e. still "IUF"). Local PCC requires notification (though not harmonised with the EU one). National legislation on explosive precursors requires from all the actors in the suppply chain, notification of each commercial transaction, on paper at the Police Department.
* Detergents: National proposal of Law on double standards in Parliament with potential to be included in any meeting for approval.
* Other legislation: Draft law on Consumers Authority Statute proposing sanctions as % of turn over is in the Parliament possibility to be approved.

**UK:**

* Indoor air quality as mentioned above
* Brexit and seeking access to ECHA

**Finland:**

* CLP art 45, PCC notifications: Finland is preparing to require the notifications in Finnish and Swedish. We are advocating for a liberal option (Finnish or Swedish or English), but the probability of success seems low.
* The national program on dangerous chemicals will be relaunched in 2021 and is likely to reflect current EU issues on chemicals, e.g. Green Deal. This is coordinated by Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in cooperation with several stakeholders.
* In unofficial contacts with ECHA, we have understood that industry ideas on extended SDSs would be welcome. We may try to create these ideas in cooperation with chemical industry.

**Belgium:**

* Congrès Détergence in Lyon (France) end of May: DETIC is supporting, together with Afise, the organisation of this brand new Detergents Conference in  
  “Middle-South” Europe.
* BE authorities are investigating the possibility to frame publicity on (classified) chemicals (Detergents, Biocides and others).  
  Therefore, they mandated a consultant, “Milieu Consulting”, to investigate how neighbouring countries are doing.  
  DETIC will see with her members in case a voluntary approach (likewise SRA for cosmetics) would be appropriated.

**Austria:**

* Shortage of detergents and disinfectants and difficulty finding local companies to produce them (those that exist face supply chain issues, particularly with packaging). Authorities are attempting to control supplies and direct these towards the healthcare sector.

**Hungary:**

* Plan to supplement consumer habits survey with question about unit price.
* Single use plastics: any activity on ‘plastic soup’? A.I.S.E. is trying to influence discussions on a ‘do not flush’ icon. Consumer education campaigns are for Member States and in principle companies are not implicated (but affected through EPR). F. Van Tiggelen can share information on use of EDANA icon, now mandated in Belgium.
* Meaning of amendment to Detergents Regulation ??

**Lithuania:**

* Voluntary directive on …
* Fast authorisation procedure

**Portugal:**

* Current political focus is almost entirely on packaging, particularly avoidance of superfluous packaging. Environmental concerns are taking precedence over safety and labelling. Drives towards bulk sales and refilling are raising concern about marginalisation of consumer safety. Removal of single use plastics planned ahead of the deadline in the Directive.

**Netherlands:**

* Official authority position that claims for efficacy against coronavirus can be made if any positive virucidal test results are available.
* Consumer brochure on smart disinfection: in Dutch, but visuals etc. available to share.
* InterClean 2020: decision to be made next week on whether the event will go ahead in light of coronavirus precautions.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF NEXT NAC MEETINGS** (timing TBC)

* Monday, 8 June 2020, 10:30-16:30 (Brussels, A.I.S.E.)
* Thursday, **10 September 2020**, 12:30/14:00-17:30 + dinner (Madrid, Spain)
* Friday, **11 September 2020**, 09:00-13:00 + lunch (Madrid, Spain)
* Wednesday, 2 December 2020, 10:30-16:30 (Brussels, A.I.S.E.)

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