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| MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting 07/2020 | |
| Minutes | Web conference call  20 October 2020 09:00-13:00 |

**Participants:**

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & Reminder of the competition law rules

The Chairman Ad Jespers opened the web conference call by welcoming the participants. The rules of the Competition Law were reminded, and all participants agreed to adhere.

The revised agenda with the 2 additional topics, namely, 5.2. Drain Cleaners and 5.6. Restriction of sales for Biocidal Products in Germany was approved.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING (08 September 2020)**

The Actions from the last meeting were reviewed. They were either completed, but most were covered through the agenda. The Minutes were approved.

1. **GOVERNANCE**
   1. Feedback from last Board meeting (S.Zänker)

A short update on the key items from the Board meeting on 8 October 2020 was provided as following:

- Governance

* The new A.I.S.E. President, Nadia Viva, presented her vision for the next years by using a compass to visualise her journey: “ *In the centre the “trusted” A.I.S.E., in the North a “N” standing for “Nurture” the arguments, facts via science to keep the licence to operate, in the East, to “Elevate” the industry voice based on science, in the South, “Shaping” the operating framework, and in the West, to “work” altogether as members, value-chain partners to even further elevate our voice toward the EU stakeholders in particular the policy makers. She presented a short overview of the current priorities for A.I.S.E. (also mainly covered through the Board agenda) which we need to address in a proactive and reactive way to overcome the potential obstacles ahead and to grasp the opportunities”.* This Vision was welcomed by the Board members.
* The Board endorsed Thomas Rauch to continue his mandate as Board observer.
* Brexit and the UKCPI membership at A.I.S.E.: members of both associations reiterated the interest for a strong relationship between both associations to ensure business certainty and continuity. The needs of UKCPI from A.I.S.E. will change as a consequence of the new UK regulatory framework and the membership relation should be built along those lines in terms of rights and duties. More discussion will be at the Board in February and April 2021 with the objective to submit a proposal to the GA June 2021.

- Green Deal

* Priority setting**:** The Board suggested to shift the topics related to climate change under the “A” priorities. Some members questioned this, and were asking about the actual actions to be undertaken by A.I.S.E. in this regard. It was reminded that the A.I.S.E. Climate TF could not start its work yet due to a lack of nominations to this group.
* Governance: The idea of creating under the MC a subgroup for dealing with the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability (CSS) was supported by the Board (see also agenda item 5.1.), a so-called CSS/ Zero Pollution SG. The MC should have the lead of keeping the overview of all parts of the Green Deal (assessment on priorities, overviewing the work of the different Steering Groups, etc.) and prepare the recommendations to the Board. The Board also suggested to potentially increase the frequency of MC meetings.

- EU Plastic Levy

The Board appreciated the participation for that topic of Virginia Janssens (Managing Director of Plastics Europe) to learn about the views of another impacted sector, including consequences, actions, and discussion about strengthening possible collaboration etc. (See also agenda item 6.1.)

- A.I.S.E. outreach to retailers:

The Board was informed about the recent survey with the National Associations that demonstrated the frequent interactions in a mainly proactive way with both retail associations and retailers. The Board appreciated the overview and encouraged this to continue at local and European level, rather than to initiate a specific project at A.I.S.E. in view of the already heavy work plan.

1. KEY TOPICs (for discussion)
   1. European Green deal: recent developments (S.Nissen,M.Temsamani,J.Robinson)

- General recap and feedback from the **Board** discussion:(S.Zänker)  
  
Building on the above summary from the Board discussion, the following points were discussed at the MC (see also slides):

* **A.I.S.E. Green Deal Priorities** for the sector (slide 5): At previous Board meetings, the chapters related to the Circular Economy Action Plan, the Chemical Strategy/ Zero Pollution and the Industrial Strategy were seen as “A” priorities, while the topics related to Climate were under “B”. The Board stated that our sector has to take up its responsibilities by demonstrating this through actions. No specific actions for A.I.S.E. had been proposed, but the suggestion was to look what through the Charter could be better addressed or communicated and also via the Climate Change TF. It was therefore reiterated to the MC to convene the TF and to assess what are the potential areas where A.I.S.E. could act and what type of actions could be put in place.

***ACTION: Set up the Climate Change TF asap to review the potential areas for actions (MC members to follow up for the nominations/ A.I.S.E. to convene a meeting).***

As to the governance the Board agreed with the proposal stemming from the last MC, namely to create a specific CSS-Zero Pollution SG (see agenda item 3.1. above and below).

* **The Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability** (CSS) was published on 14th October. A.I.S.E. published a press release on the day, reiterating its key messages from the Roadmap consultation and providing its reaction to the content of the CSS. Many other sectors had reacted to the EU Commission Communication and its 56 proposed initiatives. The MC approved the Terms of Reference (soon available on A.I.S.E Extranet) for a new Chemicals Strategy-Zero Pollution Steering Group (CSS-ZP SG), to analyse and prioritise the actions in the CSS for activity by A.I.S.E. Members of this group would be ideally the chairs of the tech-reg WG, such as REACH, CLP, Biocides, Detergents, PC&H, etc. plus volunteers from the MC. The group will report to the MC, likewise the SSG, the Advocacy and Communication SG to develop the recommendations for the Board on the Green Deal priorities, messages and outreach.

***ACTION: Create rapidly the CSS-ZP SG and organise a first meeting (J. Robinson)***

* For the topic of Zero-pollution for air, water, soil and consumer products, a Roadmap was published with deadline for feedback by 29 Oct. A (13 weeks) public consultation should also be published shortly by the Commission. The issue is of high relevance to A.I.S.E. and the secretariat gathering input. Regarding the Air Quality in particular, please see also the agenda item 8.5

***ACTION: Comment on the first draft by 23 Oct. MC will be asked to approve the draft with a deadline by 29 Oct.***

The members appreciated the comprehensive overview of all documents published under the Green Deal, comprising the Commission’s documents, the different papers from A.I.S.E., be it position papers to public consultations, press release or other statements. All is available on the [European Green Deal section](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/group/887/files) of A.I.S.E.extranet (refer to [overview document](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https://aise.wall.idloom.com/Content/Uploads/B17FCB62-E57C-4EFA-84DC-504A7E6CBA5D/PostFiles/6770d980-0ac4-4e8b-9e81-ccb5d2d693ed.docx)). The MC also agreed that additional meetings, ie dedicated calls for the Green Deal, may be needed over the next months.

***ACTION: Organise a doodle for the MC to evaluate possibilities for calls dedicated to the Green Deal on 12/13 November and for 7/14 December (A.I.S.E. secretariat).***

Post-meeting note: Friday 13 November (9:30-11:00) and Monday 14 December (11:00-112:30) were confirmed after a doodle inquiry.

* 1. **Digitalisation Roadmap update** *(V.Séjourné)*

Progress on this Roadmap approved by the Board in Feb 2020 was shared (see presentation slides). This includes notably the work towards common ingredient messaging which is underway for about 200 ingredients used in our sector, with the help of a consultant. Another important development is the release by the European Commission of a study for “the simplification of the labelling requirements for chemicals and the use of e-labelling with a view to improve the communication of hazard and safety information as well as use instructions to users”. This fits perfectly with the objective that A.I.S.E. has started in 2015 with the former BRES project to have simpler, more consumer-relevant labels, complemented by online info. The Commission will appoint the consultant in Dec 2020 who will have 15 months till March 2022 to deliver the report. A.I.S.E. will actively engage with them and contribute constructively, notably with consumer data gained during BRES.

The MC was also informed that another study to assess the potential future of the Detergent Regulation was also being commissioned, with approximately the same timing. This is very likely prompted by the ‘bigger picture’ of the various Green Deal packages and deliveries (see Sustainable Product Policy, Empowering consumer, Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability notably). Within the new political context, attention will need to be paid by A.I.S.E. to both studies and the potential different scenarios that the consultants will explore.

A joint meeting of the A.I.S.E. Detergent Regulation WG and Digitalisation WG took place end of September. The agreed follow activities (see PPT) were supported by the MC, including the commissioning by A.I.S.E. of a specific survey on IT tools to further enrich the knowledge of our sector on potential tools to enable digitalisation on information.

1. **REGULATORY/SUSTAINABILITY**
   1. **Detergents Regulation** *(G.Sebastio)*

The MC was given an update on the discussions that have been ongoing regarding the Detergent Regulation.

*Ex-post review of the Detergent Regulation*

Commission is planning an impact assessment. This assessment will follow from the points raised during the ex-post review of the Detergent Regulation (however additional points could be added). The tender has been launched (privately). It presents the consultant with various scenarios for the future of the Detergent Regulation ranging from “small amendments” to “a re-write of the regulation” or the “incorporation of the Detergent Regulation into other legislations (CLP, Water FD, REACH)”.

The consultant will need to assess the impact of all these possible scenarios (on competition, on environment etc.). Both a public and targeted consultation will be included (expect in a similar timeline as for the Commission tender on digitalization)

The A.I.S.E. position is that we support for minor changes to the legislation related to scientific and technical progress. The Detergent Regulation was concluded as fit for purpose by the ex-post review back in 2017. Thus, an opening of the legal text is not proportional to this conclusion.

A.I.S.E. will continue to engage in line with the Advocacy Strategy to Detergent Regulation. 29th October – Joint meeting of the Detergent WG & Advocacy SG

*Delegated act to Annex VII on labelling of trace level preservatives*

In June A.I.S.E. presented our proposal for the Delegated Act of Annex VII. It included five points that were considered non-controversial. The Commission acknowledged our points, however they will only bring forward the alignment of the Detergent Regulation to BPR (EU) 528/2012 for the labelling of preservatives on the 21st of October.

This is the next text proposed and we only have a comment on the way the INCI nomenclature has been cited : *“Preservation agents shall be listed, using where possible the system referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009, if they contribute to the qualification of the detergent as a treated article within the meaning of Article 3(l) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.”*

*Roadmap on fragrance allergens*

Commission is finalising the report on the targeted and public consultation results. Impact assessment will be launched in Jan 2021. Do not expect a legislative measure before 2021.

A.I.S.E. in coordination with IFRA and Cosmetics Europe

***ACTION: Members were asked to participate to the meeting of the 29th October as there would be need to discuss the follow up of the Commission Working Group meeting on the 21st. (Det Reg WG).***

* 1. **Drain Cleaners** *(G.Sebastio)*

A brief background on the issue was provided. Where A.I.S.E. had agreed to carry out an accidentology study with PCCs to identify reasons behind accidents for drain cleaners following a proposal for RMOA from KEMI. The concern of KEMI for these products is regarding their hazard profile.   
In May 2020 A.I.S.E. presented our work to KEMI. We have now received questions from the Swedish authorities on:

* The optimum efficiency of these products based on concentration of acid/alkaline substances**.** This will be discussed in more technical detail with Drain Cleaners TF on the 3rd November. The aim will be to focus on the science/chemistry of how these products work.
* KEMI asked for assurance of implementation of the measures of the voluntary industry recommendations and their outcome

The MC was requested to share their recommendation on the questions raised by KEMI, in particular about the implementation on the voluntary recommendations and to raise this point within their companies.

Some points made were:

* That the Swedish association should be in the lead of this discussion (as this was complicated by the local restriction in Sweden).
* A concern could be that for products like drain cleaners a new hazard category should be created.
* Not all companies could participate as not relevant to their portfolio.

***ACTION: Provide some input before the Drain Cleaners TF meeting on the 3rd November (MC) .***

* 1. **Polymers Requiring Registration** (J.Robinson)

A first meeting of the CARACAL Sub-Group (CASG) on Polymers took place on 11 September, comprising general discussion of the Wood-PFA report and the written comments. NGOs seek to connect this process with the issue of (micro)plastic waste, although these are separate and parallel policy initiatives. The next CASG meeting, planned for November, will focus on criteria for identification and grouping of PRR; A.I.S.E. submitted written input on this ( Commission’s deadline was 15 October), and also contributed to the input of DUCC and Cefic to ensure industry alignment. The MC endorsed the updated [Terms of Reference](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/9876) for the Polymers Task Force, following the appointment of a chair, D. Schowanek (along with other additions to the list of participants). The next meeting of the TF (its seventh) is scheduled for 6 November.

* 1. **Ethanol: harmonized classification proposal** *(J.*Robinson*)*

A.I.S.E. participates in the joint industry task force initiated by the Ethanol Reach Consortium, which is coordinating advocacy on the impending classification dossier. On 1 October this TF agreed to launch pre-emptive advocacy towards the Greek and German competent authorities, to attempt to remove or mitigate the human health classification which is now understood to be creating concerns for (hand) disinfectants. A.I.S.E.’s national associations in these countries are engaged in this process. Following the MC’s confirmation in September of the importance of this issue, and since it involves several working and steering groups, the Board agreed to take it up via a special TF. The Terms of Reference (ToR) were discussed for this ad hoc task force and a couple of comments made.

***ACTIONS:***

* ***Comment/ approve the ToR by Friday 23 October 2020 (MC).***
* ***Nominate experts to the TF (MC)***
  1. Mixture Assessment Factor (J.Robinson)

A short update on the on-going discussion related to defining a safety factor to assess exposure to (unintentional) mixtures of chemicals was given. An additional safety factor to take account of combined exposures to chemicals is mentioned in the CSS but is already being discussed at CARACAL level. A second policy workshop is being hosted by Sweden and the Netherlands on 27-28 October, with limited input from industry stakeholders; formulating sectors were not invited, but DUCC has asked to participate and received a positive confirmation. Industry (Cefic together with Eurometaux, Concawe and DUCC) is working on two streams of activity:

* Assessment of the impact on existing Chemical Safety Assessments (including uses that could no longer be demonstrated as safe)
* An outsourced study to characterize co-exposures and to offer more targeted solutions in discussion with regulators. It is proposed to fund DUCC’s share of the cost of this project (17-25k EUR, depending on the workstreams agreed) from its existing budget/reserves. No additional funding from A.I.S.E. will be required at this stage for the DUCC participation.
  1. ERASM: confirmation of the change in person at Henkel (J.Robinson)

The MC endorsed the nomination of Thorsten Bastigkeit (Henkel, Head of Research) to fill the seat of Dieter Nickel who retired in the ERASM SG.

* 1. Restriction of sales for Biocidal Products in Germany (M.Temsamani)

A draft law restricting the direct access to biocidal products is being discussed at federal level in Germany. An assessment of impact for the industry was carried out, along with opportunities for actions at EU-level (see presentation). After a short conversation with the membership, it was agreed that the topic remains to be addressed at local level for the moment. A.I.S.E. secretariat will maintain close contact with IKW and may be involved at a later stage in case action at EU-level is needed.

* 1. Single Use Plastics Implementing Acts (M.Temsamani)

The Commission is still working on the draft Implementing Acts defining (i) scope/definition and (ii) marking requirements. These Implementing Acts have been delayed but may be finalised by December 2020.   
Exemptions for viscose and lyocell are currently considered outside the scope in the latest draft Implementing Act, as advocated by A.I.S.E. However, this is not the final version yet, and the next steps remain to be closely monitored.

On the marking requirements, A.I.S.E. is cooperating with EDANA on a position paper calling for postponement of the compliance date due to the existing delays, and consideration of industry concerns. The main findings of the supporting studies on marking requirements (logos, texts, etc..) developed by the Consultants were be presented during the meeting.

1. **ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION**
   1. **EU Plastics Levy – support to National Associations** *(M.Temsamani)*

A debrief of the conversation at the last Board meeting took place where the EU Plastics Levy was clearly identified as a major concern for the industry. Questions around implementation, administrative burden, and costs for companies will remain for a time. It was agreed that the situation in each member state will turn out to be very specific (different approach, different actors involved, different measures, impact on industry, responsibility for contributing to the levy etc), meaning advocacy activities and engagement will need to be customised. The toolkit document was drafted in that sense and is meant to provide value and help individual national association pick an appropriate narrative and recommendation as per the local situation.

[The toolkit document](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https://aise.wall.idloom.com/Content/Uploads/B17FCB62-E57C-4EFA-84DC-504A7E6CBA5D/PostFiles/dd4a5118-b760-4019-b921-788e1b91cd6f.docx) was approved.

1. **A.I.S.E. Strategic Work plan 2020 – 2021: revision** *(A.I.S.E. Team)*

[The half-term review of the A.I.S.E. Strategic Work plan 2020-2021](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https://aise.wall.idloom.com/Content/Uploads/B17FCB62-E57C-4EFA-84DC-504A7E6CBA5D/PostFiles/0a3f5bfa-dd8a-414a-8893-355e43c8be9c.xlsx) was presented (see slides). Due to the recently published CCS Communication from the Commission with its 56 initiatives, it was suggested to postpone a detailed discussion until the next MC. In addition, the Commission’s workplan 2020-2021 just released need to be taken in to account. The MC called for remaining focussed while identifying files where the lead could be left with other associations. A more in-depth discussion with the elaboration for points to be raised at the Board is to be scheduled at the next MC, based also on input from the members in the coming weeks.

***ACTIONS:***

* ***Provide input to the work plan 2020-2021 by 15 November 2020 (MC)***
* ***Add to the next MC Agenda for discussion (S.Zänker)***

1. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
   1. **BPR strategic assessment** *(E.Cazelle)*

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **In-can preservatives** *(E.Cazelle)*

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **REACH Review Action 3 – ENES development plan** *(J.Robinson)*

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **Microplastics** *(J.Robinson)*

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **Air Quality/VOC** *(G.Sebastio)*

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **SPERCs**  *(G.Sebastio)*

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **Charter and engagement with retailers: ‘Consumer Goods Forum Sustainable Retail Summit’** (S.Nissen)

Further engaging retailers on the Charter, A.I.S.E. was represented with a virtual booth at the ‘Consumer Goods Forum Sustainable Retail Summit’ on 17 and 18 October 2020. With specific focus on the Charter and its update 2020, tailored documentation for retailers and online material was provided. Though exchange with participants via the booth chat function was rather limited, direct connection between the sustainability departments of both, A.I.S.E. and Eurocommerce on topics of common interest were established during the event. In addition, follow-up with one big global retail organisation concerning their commitment on climate action and Charter membership will be organised.

* 1. **Hygiene communications project** (V.Séjourné)

No questions were raised to the pre-readings.

* 1. **Cleaning & Hygiene Forum 2020** (M.Temsamani)

Work is progressing on the development of the format and content of the A.I.S.E. annual event (2 December pm). A save-the-date was recently sent, and registrations open (cf link herewith). So far 80+ have registered. The Programme with confirmed speakers will be made available shortly.

* 1. **Review Communication and Political plan 2021-2022** *(V.Séjourné/M.Temsamani)*

Advocacy and communications teams are currently reviewing the former plan (2018-2020), taking the learnings from it for the preparation of the new plan. Adequate consultations will be organised with various groups, in line with the external policy context and developments. Objective is to submit this plan for approval at the December Board. MC will be updated in more detail at its next meeting in November.

* 1. **PC&H: update** (L.Dunauskiene)

In addition to the Pre-readings, le chair of the PC&H SG, T. Rauch confirmed that indeed Ethanol is currently the topic of high priority.

1. **Dates for 2021**

Updated version of the [calendar 2021](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https://aise.wall.idloom.com/Content/Uploads/B17FCB62-E57C-4EFA-84DC-504A7E6CBA5D/PostFiles/f240ae21-c0e8-498d-ba31-38a659c2bb46.doc) approved by the Board.

1. **next meeting date**

Tuesday 24 November 2020, from 10:30 to 16:00 with a break of 1h (web conference)

Additional dates will be included before the end of the year, one in about 2 weeks and one around mid- December to discuss the Green Deal (see above).

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