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| MC meeting 07/2022 |
| Minutes | A.I.S.E. OfficesTuesday 6 September 202210:30-16:00 CEST |

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1. **WELCOME AND REMINDER OF COMPETITION LAW**

Members were welcomed and the competition law rules were reminded; all agreed to adhere to them.

1. **Approval of the agenda**

The [agenda](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/18946) v2 was approved with the following additional agenda items added under 4:

* CESIO conference 2023
* Taxonomy
* A.I.S.E. Biobased materials TF
* Conference on Sustainable Homecare products

The order of the flow of the agenda was slightly shifted during the meeting, the minutes are in the order of the agreed agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/18799) & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING (28 june 22)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The remaining action related to the A.I.S.E. letter to authorities of Egypt on the EU phosphate restrictions was discussed with the MC, as some comments had been sent. The [letter](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19046) was approved and sent.

1. key topics for discussion / decision
	1. **Outline of the Cleaning & Hygiene Forum and 70th Anniversary** *(S.Zänker)*

The [draft outline of the programme](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19009) was shared with the MC (see presentations sent on 6th Sept) for information. No comments were raised, and all welcomed the idea for the meeting to be a physical one.

* 1. **Update on the revision of the Detergent Regulation and on the work of the Microbial Cleaning Product Task Force** *(J.Monaldi)*

An update was provided on the timelines of the revision. The Management Committee was informed about the kick-off of the collaboration on the guidance for Microbial Cleaning Products with a consultant contracted by the American Cleaning Institute. The interest in this work was confirmed and it was agreed that the group will assess if additional expertise is needed.

* 1. **CEAP**
		1. Regulation on Ecodesign requirements for sustainable products (ESPR) (B.Koyuncu)

 An update was provided related to ESPR EC webinar, amendments and advocacy plan was shared. From the full set of proposed amendments, priority areas have been identified during the joint session of ASG and SSG. The amendments and the prioritization can further evolve with the on-going work and incoming intelligence. A position paper will be also drafted to support the amendments document. The team will need support of NAC members to connect with national authorities and share A.I.S.E. position and amendments.

* 1. **Biocides** *(E.Cazelle)*

The outcome of the A.I.S.E. survey on preservatives use was provided: based on the feedback of 46 respondents, BIT, Phenoxyethanol, CMIT/MIT, Sodium Benzoate and MIT are the current top-5 AS. The list remains comparable to the 2017 list, with however decreasing importance of the isothiazolinones (IT’s) family (for details, please refer to the [slides](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19012) - the final detailed outcome of the survey will be also distributed to the A.I.S.E. network).
In parallel, the COM sought at the June Biocides CA meeting Member States views on how to deal with future approval of IT’s (MIT, BIT, OIT, …) and the related potential restrictions not to use above the SCL in mixtures such as detergents and paints for the general public (similar to CMIT/MIT). A follow-up written consultation indicated that some Member States do not see any issue for detergents regarding availability of preservatives, since in their view alternatives to IT’s exist for detergents (and not for paints).
Given this context, MC views on the current strategy and level of efforts related to the topic were sought. The MC confirmed that IT’s remain important for our sector, and that work shall continue based on sound science (keeping current focus on BIT). It was also confirmed that the detergents industry needs diversity of preservatives and recommended to continue conveying this message to authorities. It was noted that the EU paints industry (CEPE) has been recently very active with their advocacy campaign on preservatives, whilst A.I.S.E. has been less vocal on that topic in the past months.
***ACTION:
- A.I.S.E. secretariat to explore possibilities to reach out to Member States via the NAC before the next Biocides CA meeting (4-6 October).***A short update was also provided on the organisation of the Biocidal Products Family workshop (refer to the slides).

* 1. **Irritancy TF – Prospective collaboration with Fraunhofer ISC** *(C.Chhuon)*

Dr. Lotz from Fraunhofer ISC reached out to A.I.S.E. as his research led to the development of an in vitro test method aiming to discriminate eye irritation endpoints. The technique is non-destructive, allowing to realise a time-course and by such enables to observe the reversible effect characterizing eye irritation cat. 2. They have successfully tried their method on 70-80 substances and are now seeking to validate their method on mixtures and particularly on detergents. They plan on starting discussions with OECD starting 2023 and conduct experiments on mixtures by mid-2023.
***ACTION:
- The MC agreed to confirm internally whether each company is able to reformulate and provide samples of interest.***

* 1. **Dangerous Goods Transportation: conversion of WG to a Panel** (J.Robinson)

The MC approved the conversion of this group to an Advisory Panel, noting that it is important to keep monitoring regulations and developments in this area (Volker Krampe of Beiersdorf is retained as a consulting expert to represent A.I.S.E. in the UN Sub-Committee and INDA industry platform). In this context A.I.S.E. also **needs** a representative to participate in the relevant Cefic Network of Experts [8.11 Transport and Logistics Safety].
***ACTION:
- A.I.S.E. secretariat to launch new call for experts for the Panel and a representative for the Cefic NoE.***

* 1. **Proposal to change ESC TF to WG** (B.Koyuncu)

MC approved the request to change ESC TF to WG following ESC TF and SSG recommendations.

* 1. **OSPAR**  *(S.Zänker)*

See also [prereading and presentation](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19014) (sent on 10 Sept).

OSPAR had shared with A.I.S.E. a summary of their work, the general principles but also of the most relevant committee, namely HASAEC, on Hazardous substances and eutrophication (see [presentations](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19014) sent on 10 Sept). Within this Committee, OSPAR is looking for our active contribution to one of the Working Group dealing with monitoring and on trends and effects of substances in the marine environment (the MIME WG). A.I.S.E. has since the late 90’ and observer status at OSPAR but was since the last 15 years not very active and hence OSPAR is encouraging industry to become more engaged. Other industry associations such as CEFIC, PlasticsEurope have also an observer status. The next meeting of MIME will be from 21 to 25 November (hybrid).

The MC recommended to remain in close link with OSPAR, also seeing a benefit as to the network with the 16 members states authorities being involved, the scientific nature of the organisation and the relevance for our sector, also with regard to the upcoming Charter revision. Members were encouraged to assess internally about a candidate, preferentially with ecotoxicological background to be nominated on behalf of A.I.S.E. It was also suggested to inquire about the CEFIC link and representation at OSPAR.

***ACTIONS:***

***-Members to check internally for a potential candidate to represent A.I.S.E. at the OSPAR MIME WG by end Sept***

***-Inquire with CEFIC about their participation at OSPAR (S. Zänker)***

* 1. **Revision of key priorities & organisation: recommendations to the Board** *(S.Zänker)*

The slides covering A.I.S.E.: Fit for the Future, as sent in pre-reading were reviewed and discussed.

The slide with the horizontal topics and a relevant home where to address those adequately was discussed in more depth. Some suggestions were made, such as: to integrate those if possible into the existing priorities via a matrix system, reach out to other associations to assess potential collaboration and monitoring support (e.g. CEFIC, Europen), get external support for topics where more understanding on the business impact could help (e.g. taxonomy, it was however stated that the legislation discussion is already over), some could potentially to be dealt by the crisis preparedness TF, the company raising the topic should include a proposal on how to best deal with the topic. It will be further discussed internally at A.I.S.E.

D. Hemingway summarised the internal changes, such as streamlining work groups, building strategic priority groups and internally in the A.I.S.E. team to have a better integration of technical and advocacy skills at all levels. Even with these changes there is still a gap in the staff to be fully operational in advocacy and communication matters.

The proposal will be brought to the Board on 19 September, and the MC was invited to preview with the respective Board members the topic once the pre-reads will be sent out.

***ACTION:***

***-MC Members to prepare their respective Board members on this topic for the Board call on 19.9.***

* 1. **CESIO conference 2023**

The next CESIO conference will take place in Rome from 5-7 June 2023, this time with no booths. The call for abstracts will open on 15 September; the question was raised to the members of the MC whether we should apply for a presentation/s for one of the following areas:

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| Technical & applications | Safety & Regulatory Affairs |
| Environmental sustainability and circularity in surfactants | Sustainability Policies in USA, Europe and Japan |
| Detergency, cleaning and sanitation | REACH and CLP under the EU Chemical Strategy |
| Innovation in Household, Personal Care and I&I | How can the efficiency of sustainability be assessed? |
| From Structure to properties to applications | Relation between Biocides and Surfactants |
| Impact of digitalisation, regulation and consumer behaviour |  |

***ACTION:****-* ***Identify areas of interest and potential topics to which A.I.S.E. (members) should apply for a presentation by next MC meeting (MC)***

* 1. **Taxonomy**

The members of the MC were reminded about the webinar on taxonomy to take place on 22 September, organised by the German adhesive association for their members, those of FEICA and A.I.S.E. (see e-mail from C. Dubois sent on 29.8.2022).

* 1. **A.I.S.E. Biobased materials TF** *(A. Weber)*

The members of the MC were reminded of the call for nominations for the re-launch of the biobased materials TF. A.I.S.E. had asked for a nomination of experts by 06 September.

* 1. **Conference on Sustainable Homecare products**

Jan Robinson will present at the [2nd Annual Sustainable Homecare Products Forum](https://inventu.eu/2nd-annual-sustainable-homecare-products-forum/) in Frankfurt on 8th September and was asked also to participate in a panel discussion on the topic “How can we mitigate the current crisis?”. The MC recommended declining participation in this session if possible, since members had no insights to contribute.
*Post-meeting note:* due to train cancellation JR was unable to travel to Frankfurt, so presented virtually and dropped out of the panel discussion.

1. Topics for information

Refer to [annotated agenda](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/18947)

* 1. **CSS: overview of timelines, priorities and advocacy activities** (J.Robinson)

See also [slides](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19026) on additional information as to GRA.

* 1. **Next Charter revision – Involvement of consultancy for project management** *(S.Nissen)*

The MC appreciated the update as provided via the annotated agenda, being in support of the next steps. It was clarified that the SSG is aiming to finalise the selection by early October and get back to MC (either by written consultation or via an ad-hoc call) and Board for approval afterwards.

* 1. **Organic food – update on common industry position** (S.Benacquista)
1. Unfair trading practices: challenges ahead and how to address those

The webinar organised by AIM, included as an agenda point, was attended by members present at the meeting, and followed online by the other registered members. Following the webinar, the survey for companies and national organisations was circulated in order to collect information on unfair trading practices for the detergents sector. Deadline for participating to the survey is 3rd October. Please find here the [LINK](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19044) to the presentation.
***ACTION:
- Coordinate with national member companies (NAC) and internally with the company’s colleagues (companies) to reply to AIM by 3 October***

1. Next DateS & close of meeting

Tuesday 18 October 2022, 10:30 – 15:30, Webconference

Tuesday 22 November 2022, 10:30 – 16:00, Brussels (A.I.S.E.)

The draft calendar 2023 was provided for information and discussion (already approved by groups chairs and vice-chairs).

**ACTIONS:**

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| ***4.4 Explore possibilities to reach out to MS via the NAC before the next Biocides CA meeting (4-6 October)*** | ***A.I.S.E.*** | ***End Sept.*** |
| ***4.5. Eye irritation: confirm internally whether each company is able to reformulate and provide samples of interest*** | ***MC***  | ***Asap*** |
| ***4.6 Launch new call for experts for the Dangerous Goods Transportation Panel and a representative for the Cefic NoE.*** | ***JR*** | ***End Sept.*** |
| ***4.8 Check internally for a potential candidate to represent A.I.S.E. at the OSPAR MIME WG*** | ***Members*** | ***End Sept.*** |
| ***4.8 Inquire with CEFIC about their participation at OSPAR*** | ***SZ*** | ***End Sept.*** |
| ***4.9 Revision of key priorities & organisation: prepare their respective Board members on this topic*** | ***MC***  | ***Board call on 19.9*** |
| ***4.10 CESIO conference 2023: Identify areas of interest and potential topics to which A.I.S.E. (members) should apply for a presentation***  | ***MC*** | ***By 18/10*** |
| ***6. Unfair trading practices: in order to reply to AIM survey,*** ***- coordinate with relevant members*** ***- coordinate internally with the company’s colleagues***  | ***NAC******Companies*** | ***By 3 October*** |

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