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| MC meeting 01/2023 | |
| Minutes | Brussels (A.I.S.E.) Tuesday 24 January 2023 10:30-16:00 CET |

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| **Participants**  Ina Andreasen, Reckitt  Sonia Benacquista, FHER *(remotely until approx.11:00)*  Agnieszka Bielach, Ecolab  Stephanie Brochard, Unilever  Ian Croft, McBride *(remotely until 12:00)*  Bernd Glassl, IKW *(from 11:15 onwards)*  Eleni Papadimitriou, PG  Hans Razenberg, NVZ  Rob Roggeband, P&G  Felix Rustemeyer, Henkel  Edward Whittle, SC Johnson *(remotely)*  *Apologies:*  Giorgia De Berardinis, Colpal  Gerard Luijkx, Unilever  Thomas Rauch, IHO  Françoise van Tiggelen, Detic |  | *From A.I.S.E. (for their respective agenda topics):*  Cindy Chhuon  Luca Conti  Dave Hemingway  Sascha Nissen  Aisling O’Kane  Jan Robinson  Susanne Zänker  *Guest:*  Nicholas Georges, HCPA |

1. welcome & reminder of competition law

R. Roggeband, in absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting. The members were welcome, in particular Nicholas Georges from the Household & Commercial Cleaning Products Association (HCPA) in the US. The competition law rules were reminded; all agreed to adhere to them.

N. Georges briefly explained the scope and activities of HCPA, their main 3 priorities besides chemical management, namely funding mechanism and support to government agencies, household waste and PFAS. He also referred to the collaborative projects running with A.I.S.E., such as microbial cleaning products, enzymes, etc. It was also mentioned that to further foster the international outreach, that actually the International Network of Cleaning Products Associations will meet in Orlando on 30 January to exchange priorities of each region, to work on topics of common interest and to stengthen synergy.

1. approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved in its [version 2](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19860) with one additional item related to DUCC activities relevant for the PC&H sector, see agenda item 6.

1. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19702) & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING on 22 novEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved, with the following updates:

*Pending Actions* from the preceding meeting (dating back to MC 6 Sept), namely:

- Dangerous Goods Transportation: Call for experts *(J. Robinson)*  
 - Liaising with AMFEP *(A.I.S.E. Secretariat)*  
 - Revision of Waste Framework Directive: Scoping the topic *(I. Andreasen)*

It was also reported that, as approved at the last MC meeting, the LDC Strategy Group and LDC Technical TF have been merged into one group, namely the LDC WG. The list of participants is currently being constituted, with polling of the current members and also new members stemming from suppliers and NAC.

All other actions were either carried out or will be covered via the agenda.

1. key topics for discussion / decision
   1. **Key priorities: update** *(D. Hemingway)*

D. Hemingway gave an update on the association’s ongoing Public Affairs activities, including an update on the current legislative timelines.

* 1. **CLP revision** (C. Chhuon)

The MC was informed about the status of the CLP revision. The Ordinary Legislative Proposal was discussed with the CLP WG and Public Affairs SG on 13 January and a first assessment was circulated for review following that. The public consultation on Have Your Say being postponed regularly, A.I.S.E. will have enough time to ensure alignment with DUCC and Cefic - or decide to defend some topics alone where necessary.

* 1. **Conversion of Ethanol TF to Panel of Experts** *(for approval)* (J. Robinson)

The Management Committee approved the conversion of the task force to a panel of experts and endorsed the updated Terms of Reference. A call for participants has been launched, with nominations requested by 3 February.

* 1. **Governance of A.I.S.E. Sustainability Strategy, incl. ToR for Sustainability** (S. Nissen) **Policy WG (SP WG)** (for approval)

The MC approved the [ToR](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19804); a call for nominations will be issued within shortly, and this invitation is open to full and associate members of A.I.S.E. Due to the wide range of expertise needed, the MC agreed to multiple nominees per members. Ahead of each meeting, it will be specified which legislative file(s) will be covered during the meeting so that the relevant experts will know whether to participate. It is planned to organise a kick-off meeting in mid-February.

The objective and scope of the SP WG will be to analyse the Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) legislative proposals with link to products, packaging and consumption (e.g., UCPD, ESPR, Green Claims, PPWR) and assess their implications for our industry sector. The SP WG will report to the Sustainability Steering Group (SSG). ***ACTION:   
- A.I.S.E. team to send call for nominations****(NB: this has been done; see message from 24 Jan by S Nissen).*

In addition, a draft overview of the proposed governance structure for the sustainability pillar was presented; this is under further discussion by the SSG, and the group is aiming to finalise this at the next SSG meeting on 13 February. With the objective in mind to come up with the most practicable, efficient, and smartest governance solution, MC members recommended testing the approach.

* 1. **Update on EU Ecolabel – revision of criteria for detergent categories and   
     potential A.I.S.E. involvement** *(for approval)* (S. Nissen)

The MC approved the PC&H SG and the SSG recommendation to get actively involved in the next revision and set up a dedicated TF, which will report to the SSG. This will be executed in a similar way as in the past, where A.I.S.E. facilitates, and the members coming from both, PC&H and homecare, are active in holding the pen, driving the agenda and representing A.I.S.E. at the EU Ecolabel Board. A call for nominations will be issued accordingly.  
***ACTION:   
- A.I.S.E. team to prepare call for nominations.***

* 1. **PREPs governance** *(for approval) (S. Nissen)*

The MC agreed to identify an industry expert, who will take over the role of a specific ‘PREPs coordinator’ for industry compaction projects. This person will coordinate the projects closely with national association(s) representing the industry sector. A job description will be shared with the MC to support the selection procedure. MC members are asked to send their proposals on potential candidates one week in advance of the next MC meeting, i.e. by 7 February.  
***ACTION:   
- A.I.S.E. team to prepare and send job description for PREPs coordinator.****(NB: this has been done; see message from 25 Jan by S Nissen).****- MC members to send proposals on potential candidates by 7 February.***

* 1. **Chlorine bleach / Preventing terrorism – new rules on the marketing and use   
     of high-risk chemicals** *(B. Glassl)*

B. Glassl orally presented the key points from the Commission report on chemical of high risk in relation to terrorism the relevant elements for our industry and provided the presentation [available HERE](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19872). He explained that IKW is providing input to VCI (deadline to COM report is 20.2), as they will not take the lead for this topic, with bleach products being not so important in Germany, which however could be different in other members states. The MC agreed to monitor the topic, likewise it was done for explosive precursors, and B. Glassl agreed to keep the MC updated on any further developments. The MC also suggested potentially working on an acceptable threshold on chlorine concentration in products. The proposal from the Commission is expected in QIII. The topic will also be shared with the NAC on its meeting on 22.1.23, requesting also feedback on acceptable concentration limits.  
***ACTION:   
- Raise the topic at the NAC meeting for input on typical values of chlorine concentration in products. (feedback from MC/ NAC) by latest mid-February***

* 1. **Universal tactile symbols for detergent products** *(All)*

S. Zänker referred to the pre-readings and the [presentation](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19569) from the last MC meeting in November. She mentioned that further to the invitation to the MC members to express potential interest in using the tactile symbols no feedback was received. It was emphasised that the objective is to have harmonised symbols available that can be used and that those developed by P&G would be freely available for that purpose. Hence the invitation to companies was reiterated to internally assess their interest. The MC also suggested to explore cross regions/ global use of the symbols.  
***ACTIONS:   
- Companies to inform A.I.S.E. secretariat about their interest to use the tactile symbols.   
-Explore cross-regions interest of harmonised tactile symbols for detergent products (S. Zänker)  
(Post-meeting note:*** *The project was raised at the INCPA meeting on 30 Jan and the associations from the different regions were invited to provide feedback; a follow-up mail to INCPA members will be made.)*

* 1. **A.I.S.E. 2023/2024 work programme** (S. Zänker)

In preparation of drafting the 2023/2024 work programme, involving MC and NAC, the [retro-planning](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19884) was presented. In order to make the discussion during the joint MC/ NAC session on 21 March more efficient, the NAC proposed to appoint a limited number of representatives of each committee for that session rather having both full committees sitting in a room. The NAC had appointed for that purpose, Françoise Van Tiggelen, Hans Razenberg and Bernd Glassl. The MC did welcome this idea and Ina Andreasen, Rob Roggeband, Ad Jespers, and Felix Rustemeyer, volunteered to take part in the discussion. All MC members were invited to start reading the [work programme version](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19397) as approved in November 2022 and to share their comments ahead of the next MC in February to allow the MC representatives to bring those on the table for the 21 March.  
***ACTION:   
- Provide comments to the 2022-2023 A.I.S.E. Work programme as input for the issuing the 2023-2024 version by 8 February 2023.*** *(Post-meeting note: see e-mail sent by C.Dubois on 22.1.23)*

1. Topics for information

[See pre-readings](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19861)

* 1. **Biocides:** no further questions were raised (E. Cazelle)
  2. **Detergents Regulation revision update** (C. Chhuon)

A question was raised whether, if CE marking would be included as a requirement, an impact assessment needs to be carried out, likewise for the PVOH films for capsules. It seemed unlikely but would need to be checked.

* 1. **Liquid Detergent Capsules and microplastics measure – update** (J. Robinson)

The MC reiterated the need to issue a paper reflecting the industry position and strategy on the PVOH films, covering aspects such as biodegradability, consumer benefits and setting the framework for industry efforts to reinforce the knowledge base (agreed as an action in PVOH joint call on 1 December).

In this context reference was made to the visit of DG ENV in March to the P&G Brussels Innovation Centre, as also hosted for DG GROW last year. It is organised by A.I.S.E., and therefore the programme content and messages should be endorsed by the MC. The focus will be on safety and sustainability, incl. PVOH, enzymes and a visit to the centre. R. Roggeband volunteered to draft the key bullet points for both topics for comments by the MC.  
***ACTION:   
- Share the draft statements on PVOH and enzymes for the DG ENV visit with the MC for comments/approval for the next MC meeting (A.I.S.E. secretariat / P&G organising team)***

The question was also raised about the A.I.S.E. strategy in terms of communication on the current situation of the Blueland petition on PVOH film towards the EPA in the US. The EPA reaction is expected around mid-February. It was agreed to build on the ACI statements and to remain in a reactive mode on the EU side.

* 1. **Charter promotion, incl. Amazon Climate Pledge Friendly program** (S. Nissen)

The MC congratulated the A.I.S.E. Sustainability Team for that achievement.

* 1. **Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation:** no questions were raised (A. Weber)

1. any other items
   1. **DUCC proposal for a professional training platform**

DUCC plans to offer an online training platform for professional users of chemical mixtures, as part of its advocacy/defence against generic restrictions. A.I.S.E.’s potential involvement/contribution will be discussed with key members of the PC&H SG. See [slides](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19886) for more information.

**6.2. ESPR**

A question was raised on when the priority list for the categories falling under ESPR would be available from the Commission. The current estimate is beginning of February with a timeline for comments of 8-12 weeks.

1. Next DateS & close of meeting

Tuesday 14 February 2023, 10:30-15:30, Webconference

Tuesday 21 March 2023 10:30 – 13:00 (plus lunch), Brussels

Tuesday 21 March 2023, 13:45-16:00, working session for the 2023-2024 work programme; Brussels (joint meeting with some MC and NAC representatives)

Tuesday 18 April 2023, 10:30-15:30, Webconference

Tuesday 16 May 2023, 10:30 – 16:00, Brussels

Tuesday 20 June 2023, 10:30-15:30, Webconference

Tuesday 19 September 2023, 10:30 – 16:00, Brussels

Tuesday 17 October 2023, 10:30-15:30, Webconference

Tuesday 21 November 2023, 10:30 – 16:00, Brussels (A.I.S.E.)

Complete [Calendar 2023 available here](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19401)

**close of meeting: 14:45**

**ACTIONs RECAP**

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| ***What*** | ***who*** | ***when*** |
| ***4.4. Send call for nominations for new SP WG*** | ***A.I.S.E. team*** | ***Asap*** |
| ***4.5. Prepare call for nominations for Ecolabel TF*** | ***A.I.S.E. team*** | ***By end Feb*** |
| ***4.6. Prepare and send job description for PREPs coordinator*** | ***A.I.S.E. team*** | ***Asap*** |
| ***4.6. Send proposals on potential candidates for PREPs coordinator*** | ***MC*** | ***By 7 Feb*** |
| **4.7 *Raise the topic of Chlorine bleach (preventing terrorism) at the NAC meeting for input on typical values of chlorine concentration in products*** | ***NAC/MC*** | ***By Mid- Feb*** |
| ***4.8 Universal tactile symbols:***  **- *Inform A.I.S.E. secretariat about their interest.***  ***-Explore cross-regions interest of harmonised tactile symbols for detergent products (INCPA)*** | ***Companies***  ***S.Zänker*** | ***Asap*** |
| ***4.9 Provide comments to the 2022-2023 A.I.S.E. Work programme as input for the issuing the 2023-2024 version by 8 February 2023*** | ***NAC*** | ***By 8 Feb*** |
| ***5.3 LDC and microplastics: Share the draft statements on PVOH and enzymes for the DG ENV visit with the MC for comments/approval for the next MC meeting*** | ***A.I.S.E. & & P&G organising team*** | ***By 17 March*** |

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