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### UKCPI Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2022

By Video Conference

Present: Mr P Woodhead - Selden Research (in the Chair)

Ms C Berto - Henkel

Ms M Bishop - NicePak International

Mrs H Fenwick - Unilever UK

Mr A Hill - Robert McBride

Mr T James - ACDOPRO

Ms N Katsouli - Procter & Gamble

Mr K Kostanopoulus - Diversey

Ms C Mammah - S C Johnson

Mr S McKay - Greyland Limited

Ms F Nortje - Unilever UK

Mr D Plepys - Clorox

Mr J Pickup - Consultant

Ms L Thompson - Reckitt

Secretariat: Mr P Malpass - UKCPI

Ms C Salter - UKCPI

Mr S Stewart - UKCPI

Apologies: Mr A Brack - PZ Cussons

Mr M Henry - Mirius

Mr Y Parulekar - Kuraray

**Actions**

20/22 – **Ms Katsouli** to provide NPIS contact

20/22 – **Mr Malpass** to progress Annex VII with other associations, etc

21/22 – **Ms Salter** to send information to Mr Pickup and Ms Fenwick

22/22 – **Mr Woodhead** to circulate new brochure of professional cleaning

17/22 **Competition Policy Statement**

Prior to the meeting commencing, Mr Woodhead read the Competition Policy Statement:

“UKCPI and UKCPI members shall adhere to UKCPI’s competition law policy and shall not share, directly or indirectly, commercially sensitive information including but not limited to pricing, terms and conditions of supply, business planning or marketing plans. Should the meeting discuss matters that fall outside of UKCPI's legal remit or contravene that policy; the Chair will close the meeting”.

18/22 **Minutes of Meeting 27 April 2022**

Mrs Fenwick asked for an amendment to the minutes. Mr Malpass agreed to this and the revised minutes would be recirculated.

19/22 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

20/22 **Advocacy**

UK REACH Update

Mr Malpass reported that Defra appeared to be at the start of the process and recently presented their proposals to the oversight group of the Alternative Transition Model (see ppt). This group is led by Defra but UKCPI can contribute through ACA. In addition Mr Stewart was on the ACA shadow technical group. Mr Malpass reminded the committee of the HSE request on exposure data as only 2 members had provided feedback so far but input was still welcome.



Mr Malpass also noted the recent consultation on extending the data submission deadlines that closes on 1 September. Defra’s preferred option is 2026/7/8 and industry would have to have a compelling argument for the alternative 2027/28/30. The extensions were to provide time to develop an alternative registration model.



Mr Malpass informed the meeting that a senior Defra team was looking at the REACH improvement Model and the future working of REACH and that a request for views had been circulated to members.



Ms Nortje asked about the available Parliamentary time for extending the deadlines and Mr Malpass replied that he had raised this with Defra and they have said that whilst the legal process may come in very late, they still expect the deadline changes to happen.

Ms Mammah asked if there was an ACA group working on the alternative registration model and Mr Malpass replied that there was a shadow technical group that would meet in July ahead of the Defra meeting so that it could provide feedback. Mr Stewart sits on this group and said he would be grateful for any feedback he could take to the ACA group.

Consultation on Annex VIII CLP

Mr Stewart had circulated the email from DHSC ahead of the meeting and was seeking initial views of the committee regarding the proposals. Ms Thompson asked what was the NPIS opinion on it and Mr Stewart replied that he had not talked to them about it. Ms Katsouli suggested asking AISE for their position and felt that NPIS were OK with the current approach including submitting data for Northern Ireland. Mr James suggested that what the consumer wanted should carry some weight. Mr Woodhead recalled the overlap with the Detergents Regulations and asked how successful AISE had been in addressing this as they seemed ahead on this. Mr Hill noted that companies were already having to submit fuller data for Northern Ireland and Ms Nortje questioned how it would work if this was extended to GB regarding timeline and database. Ms Katsouli suggested that if there were changes to the NI Protocol it would be easier to remove the requirement in NI. Ms Thompson agreed with this suggestion. Ms Mammah agreed especially if it was retained in GB in error. Mr Malpass suggested waiting for the consultation as well as seeking the NPIS view as he did not see any downside to asking. Ms Katsouli offered to provide Mr Malpass with a contact at NPIS and added that she thought NPIS were working on a system and so were reluctant to get involved. Mr Hill asked if NPIS were consulted on the development of Annex VIII and Ms Katsouli suggested asking AISE what their involvement was in the development of it. Mr Malpass agreed to progress these points with other associations, AISE, etc.

**Actions: Ms Katsouli and Mr Malpass**

Future Advocacy Approach for the Detergent Regulations

Mr Stewart reported back on the feedback he had received following his circulation of a thought starter on future advocacy on the UK Detergent Regulations. There was clear consistency with the work AISE was conducting at the EU level but also a clear wish to see the final outcomes of their advocacy.

Ms Nortje raised the issue of the additional fragrance allergen labelling that would be coming into the EU Cosmetics Regulations that would impact the EU Detergents Regulations and that CTPA had received agreement that they could use this in GB too. Mr Stewart asked if companies would want to seek the views of the regulator or just go ahead and implement it for GB Detergent Regulations. Ms Mammah felt that you could approach HSE and ask and get clarity on if we can implement the changes as well when in force in the EU.Ms Thompson asked when we would know the outcomes at EU level and Mr Stewart replied that the consultations had closed and the Commission response would be the next step.

Wet Wipes

Mr Malpass reported that there was not much to report to the meeting. UKCPI had responded to the 3 national consultations and held further talks with the Welsh officials. In view of these discussions he believes it is likely that there will be bans on plastic in consumer wipes but this could be compounded by 3 different approaches from the devolved nations. Mr Plepys asked if professional products would be out of scope and the likely timing and Mr Malpass replied it was unclear regarding professional products and expected draft regulations from Wales in September.

EPR Scheme Administrator

Mr Malpass had no update for the Committee. Mrs Fenwick reported that she had been involved in discussions on behalf of her company and although they are supportive of EPR they are concerned about the SA being a public body. Mrs Fenwick added that best international schemes are Industry led and the UK scheme should be about meeting environmental targets and not just another tax. Mr Malpass added that UKCPI would maintain its role in shadowing the work of INCPEN in this area.

21/22 **External Affairs**

Update on Take Action Today

Ms Salter reported that work with RoSPA continued with the latest launch in June in Bath that interestingly included feedback on the impact of the Wiltshire launch. The Public Health Team leader from Wiltshire, where the campaign was launched in October 2021, was full of praise for the campaign saying that parents loved the magnetic pad and the checklist. She noted that the campaign had not added any extra workload for her staff as health visitors had embedded the campaign into their working practices. Mrs Fenwick asked where else had the initiative had been launched and Ms Salter agreed to email her the list and stated that it was over 26 so far. Mr Malpass added that the package was there for any company to also use as the Fairy brand had done in the North West.

Indoor Air and Impeccable Study

Ms Salter reported that the study was being led by York University and had recently presented the outcomes to date at an event in Finland where the message was green products were not necessarily healthier. The study is due to conclude in February 2023 but the team are already putting out tweets including one stating terpenoid emissions were higher in “natural” products. They are testing bathroom, floor and surface cleaners, but we do not yet know which brands. Mr Malpass noted that York University advised Government/Defra on indoor air quality. Mr Pickup added that the issue with terpenoids was their reaction products with ozone and Ms Slater agreed to share the information she has to date with him.

**Action: Ms Salter**

Issues Update

Mr Pickup had no recent activity to provide to the Committee.

22/22 **Regulatory Issues**

Detergents Regulations

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

Biocidal Products

Ms Thompson had little to report on HSE activity but at EU level issues included delays in the active review programme; lack of MS resources leading to delays; possible increase in MS fees; BPC WG updating guidance. Mr Stewart reported that in discussions with HSE they stated they did not have any plans to deliberately diverge from the EU system but it may happen over time and that they do monitor developments of EU BPR. Mr Woodhead noted the upcoming HSE course on efficacy and asked if this would be the same as the EU requirements and Mr Stewart replied that it may differ as we go on.

CLP

Mr Stewart highlighted the following developments:

* HSE continue to circulate proposed new/revised entries to the Mandatory Classification Table
* EU consultation on new hazard classes has been pushed back to September
* Revision of the regulation to be adopted in October
* Revision of the Q&A on the classification of mixtures in aerosols had been finalised.

UN GHS & TDG

Mr Stewart reported that the areas of interest continue to be improvements of Annexes 1 to 3 and practical issues but additionally the EU has indicated that it would like to add new hazard classes to the 2023/4 work programme.

Professional Cleaning & Hygiene Sector

Mr Woodhead agreed to circulate the new brochure on professional cleaning.

**Action: Mr Woodhead**

Other Issues

Mr Stewart noted that there was some discussion of a dual regulatory regime being introduced in an amended NI Protocol and Ms Katsouli that there may be some benefits.

23/22 **Any Other Business**

Format of 2023 Meetings

Mr Malpass introduced the topic by suggesting that ARC and Council would continue to be virtual, regional meetings would be physical and the AGM/Dinner would be physical. Additionally, the secretariat will continue to look at a possible “reboot” meeting as a hybrid between Council/AGM/Regional/Dinner this year but a decision will be taken in September as the House of Commons dining room is still under covid restrictions i.e. 50% capacity.

24/22 **Date/Location of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will held virtually on Wednesday 26 October 2022 commencing at 10:30 am.

Format of future meetings would be discussed at the end of the proceeding meeting.