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### UKCPI Advocacy, Regulatory & Communications Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022

By Video Conference

Present: Ms C Berto - Henkel

Ms M Bishop - NicePak International

Mr A Brack - PZ Cussons

Mrs H Fenwick - Unilever UK

Mr M Henry - Mirius

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 (in the chair)

 Ms C Salter - UKCPI

 Mr S Stewart - UKCPI

Apologies: Mr Y Parulekar - Kuraray

 Mr P Woodhead - Selden Research

**Actions**

12/22 – **Committee Members** to feedback on Detergent Regulation Advocacy paper by end of May

09/22 **Competition Policy Statement**

Prior to the meeting commencing, Mr Malpass 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”.

Mr Malpass welcomed Lauren Thompson to the meeting.

10/22 **Minutes of Meeting 26 January 2022**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.

On the actions Ms Salter had not received any nominees for internal experts for media enquiries, so will continue to seek input to respond to media enquiries through our existing company contacts; Mr Stewart had received comments on the proposals for the Poison Act and had submitted the UKCPI position; Mr Malpass had passed on to Defra the details of company risk assessment experts; the REACH alternative proposals were still awaited; Mr Pickup had not received any feedback on the Water UK guidance or nominees as occupational exposure expert; and Ms Bishop had shared the packaging presentation and Mr Stewart had circulated it.

11/22 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

12/22 **Advocacy**

Wet Wipes

Mr Malpass reported that both the Welsh and Scottish devolved assemblies had conducted consultations in 2020 and 2022 respectively on proposals to ban wipes containing plastic and Defra had a call for evidence on the same. UKCPI had responded to all three with a robust position, especially regarding PC&H wipes and biocidal wipes. Overall our position was aligned with those from CTPA and AHPMA. The timeline for the proposals in Wales is legislation developed during Q4 2022 to Q2 2023 with transition periods to allow implementation. Mr Plepys noted that retailers were acting ahead of any regulation. Ms Nortje asked if there was any clarity on how you would distinguish between a PC&H product and a consumer product. Mr Malpass replied that he had not seen anything in writing but felt it could be based on use location e.g. a care home and Mr Plepys added that it could also by based on the distribution outlet. Mrs Fenwick asked what the next steps in the Defra process were and Mr Malpass replied that that had not been shared with stakeholders yet.

*Ms Katsouli and Mr McKay joined the meeting.*

EU Exit Update

Mr Malpass reported that for UK REACH the deadlines for data submission would be extended with a consultation beginning Q2/3 2022 and a draft Statutory Instrument Q3. This would then pass through the Parliamentary process with final legislation expected Q2 2023. Ms Nortje asked if Defra were aware of the difficulty Industry had with the uncertainty and Mr Malpass replied that they were and we were not the only sector raising it. Ms Mammah asked if this update was only on the deadline extension and not on the alternative approach and Mr Malpass confirmed it was just the deadlines.

Mr Malpass stated that there was great concern in Europe about the proposals in the EU Chemical Sustainability Strategy and noted the UK media covered of the newly published EU REACH Restrictions Roadmap. This was being coordinated at AISE level, but UK authorities are now starting to talk about a UK strategy for chemicals.

*Ms Berto and Mr Henry joined the meeting.*

Future Advocacy Approach for the Detergent Regulations

Mr Stewart noted the pre-reading document and highlighted the areas it covered:

* Dosage Instructions
* Refill Sale of Detergents
* Ambiguous Definitions
* Microbial Cleaning Products
* Information to Poison Centres & Ingredient Data Sheets
* P Limit
* Biodegradability of Non-Surfactant Organic Ingredients
* Overlap of Labelling of Ingredients
* Repeal Regulations

Not included in the review of the regulations but being discussed included digitalisation, link to cosing, fragrance allergens and carry-over preservatives.

Mr Pickup felt that the proposals around expanding biodegradability requirements should be strongly resisted as it could result in a loss on ingredients and the possibility to use more hazardous substances but meet the biodegradability requirements.

Committee Members were asked to submit comments on the paper to Mr Stewart by the end of May. Paper reattached here.

**Action: Committee Members**

EPR Recycling Scheme Administrator

Mr Malpass reported that despite it being widely expected that the Scheme Administrator would be Industry led it will now be a public sector body. In the Government response to the consultation the costs were reduced by £1B to £1.7B; the introduction would be delayed by a year; and will not include litter collection. Ms Mammah as if it could be clarified if professional products were out of scope. Mrs Fenwick reported that her company was extremely disappointed about the change in direction regarding the SA and wanted Industry to lobby against this at the most senior level. Mr Malpass was aware that INCPEN, BRC and FDF had been offered a meeting with Defra, but UKCPI would more now have more of supporting role. Mr James was concerned about this seeming change from environmental protection to Treasury involvement.

13/22 **External Affairs**

UKCPI Social Media Content

Ms Salter had circulated the proposed key messages that will be promoted on UKCPI social media during the year and noted that it was based on the material that was currently on the website. Mr Malpass asked that Members Comms teams help to support the activity and added that Members could use the information and publications (such as [Staying Safe with Sam](https://www.ukcpi.org/stay-safe-with-sam/)) on their websites.

Indiana Study on Indoor Air Quality

Mr Malpass highlighted this recent publication that had stated that you had similar exposure using cleaning products as you did standing in traffic as this showed that IAQ was still a popular media issue. Mr Pickup agreed that it was a piece of interest as it was a significant statement and was out there now and could be used in future articles.

Research Project on Impacts of Cooking and Cleaning on IAQ

Ms Salter gave advance notice that this 2-and-a-half-year project conducted at York University would be completed in February 2023. It was investigating a range of cleaning products including branded products, retailer brands and products that are marketed as natural or green.

Mr Malpass said he believed indoor air quality and NMVOC levels could soon come back on the Govt agenda via its Clean Air Strategy. He is seeking a meeting with the new Defra Clean Air Team leader and may well reform an indoor air quality working group to progress with an industry position.

Issues Update

Mr Pickup noted a Belgian paper on linking cleaning products and short-term effects on cleaning staff and had predictable outcomes.

14/22 **Regulatory Issues**

Detergents Regulations

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

Biocidal Products

Ms Thompson had nothing specific to report but asked if anyone had heard of any plans HSE had regarding a work plan. Mr Malpass replied that HSE had been present at a recent Council meeting and when asked about this stated it was imminent.

CLP

Mr Stewart recalled that at the last meeting he had noted the updated HSE CLP website and that you could sign up to their ebulletin that would keep you informed of HSE activity.

At EU level the 44 CARACAL meeting had been held and topics covered were:

* Update on EDC Subgroup
* RAC Organisation
* Alternatives to Animal Testing
* CLP Review
* Implementation of 9th and 9th Revision of GHS
* 2021 RAC Opinions
* Classification of Encapsulated Substances

UN GHS & TDG

Mr Stewart noted that the next TDG session is 27 June to 6 July and GHS session 6 to 8 July. Both provisional agendas are on the UNECE website and Mr Stewart noted that the topics of interest were the ongoing activities on practical classification issues and improvements to Annexes 1- 3.

Professional Cleaning & Hygiene Sector

Mr Woodhead had asked that the secretariat note the ongoing work regarding the P limit proposal in the Detergent Regulation review and the work around the cleaning of organic food and the different approaches between Industry and the Commission.

15/22 **Any Other Business**

Regional Meeting

Mr Stewart reported that there was the intention to hold a “regional style “meeting in London after the November AGM with the speakers invited to join the dinner in the evening. Mr Stewart would welcome any suggestions for speakers or topics although it is likely to be regulatory focussed.

16/22 **Date/Location of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting had been changed and will now be held virtually on **Tuesday 12 July 2022** commencing at 10:30 am.

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