



Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group

## DUCC Workshop on Assessment of Alternative Substances in Products

### INVITATION

DUCC is a platform of 11 European associations which are downstream users of chemicals, ranging from cosmetics and detergents to aerosols, paints, inks, toners, pressroom chemicals, adhesives and sealants, construction chemicals, fragrances, lubricants, crop protection and chemical distributors industries. The group's main objective is to contribute, with a common voice, to the successful implementation of the requirements of the REACH and CLP Regulations.

DUCC acknowledges that assessment of alternatives can be a difficult topic. We also believe that downstream users have not been adequately involved in the current process, which in fact contributes to the difficulties authorities face when trying to obtain all the required information. We thus wish to engage on this issue, because, to avoid unintended impacts on EU Society, a robust Assessment of Alternatives is key to making good decisions.

To engage on this issue DUCC wish to organize a virtual meeting of on **the 9<sup>th</sup> March 9:30 – 11 CET time.**

DUCC hopes for the participation of different stakeholders in this workshop (member states, ECHA, Commission etc.) We especially hope to have member states join us in this exchange to engage further on the experience of member states in looking at alternatives when preparing an authorization/ restriction. Our aim is to kick-start a constructive, technical discussion to answer the question: “We need to substitute substances in applications – what happens next?”

### Draft Workshop Agenda

Introduction	
<b>PART 1</b>	Kick-off panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aerospace Industry Experience Steve George (REACHLaw)</li><li>• DUCC member – Didier Leroy (CEPE)</li><li>• Civil Society – Frida Hök (ChemSec)</li><li>• TBD</li></ul>
<b>PART 2</b>	<i>Brainstorming:</i> Criteria for ‘suitable alternatives. Why does regrettable substitution happen? Experience of member states on assessment of alternatives?
<b>PART 3</b>	What sort of body/ who should be involved in AoA discussion (learnings of previous experiences like the Montreal Protocol)
Conclusion and Next Steps	

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