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POLICY BRIEFING

TRANSATLANTIC WEEK 2018

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Briefing session:

Environment Committee – Activities, priorities and Member State outreach

Composition

- Committee membership is made up of policy staff specialized in environment, health and safety (EHS) matters, as well as in sustainability issues.
- 89 companies and 260 individuals.
- Committee leadership:
 - Chair: Leah Charpentier (First Solar)
 - Vice-Chair: Audrey Douspis (Michelin)
 - Vice-Chair: Natasa Sbrizaj (3M)



Priorities for 2018

- Criteria for the identification of **endocrine disruptors** (September 2017)
- **Plastics Strategy** (January 2018)
- **Waste Framework Directive** (March 2018)
- Legislative proposal on **single-use plastics** (May 2018)

Committee priorities

1. Consistent and science-based EU environmental policy

Example: The Environment committee released position papers, organised outreach meetings and responded to public consultations, promoting robust scientific evidence in the criteria for the identification of endocrine disruptors.

2. Circular Economy Action Plan

Example: The membership of the committee collected examples of sustainable industry practices, highlighting that US companies are at the forefront of the circular economy initiative.

3. Preparing for REACH post – 2020

Example: The committee is currently working on a paper expressing industry recommendations for the upcoming REACH review.

4. Proactive advocacy on RoHS / RoHS 2021

Example: With its depth of RoHS expertise, the committee is monitoring developments and providing thought-leadership for the 2021 review.

'REACH': The law we discuss most with Member States

- Importance of REACH to US industry
 - Regulates all chemicals used in consumer goods.
 - Barrier to long-term investment
 - REACH compliance as a market barrier
 - Cost of being REACH compliant
- Commission has to report on the functioning of REACH every five years. The next report was meant to be released in 2017. Actually published in March 2018.
- REFIT evaluation will assess whether REACH is fit for the future.
- Critical timing for the law & the Chemicals Agency.
 - Final substance registration by May 2018.
 - The changing role of ECHA

Papers we are currently working on

- AmCham EU REACH recommendations - **General Cover Note**
- AmCham EU REACH recommendations - **Authorization**
- AmCham EU REACH recommendation - **Risk Management Options Analysis (RMOA)**
- AmCham EU REACH recommendations - **Dossier Quality**

Cooperation with the AmChams

- Much of EU environment policy is still national.
- The EU level sets targets and minimum levels, but the rest is defined at national or subnational level.
- EU chemicals policy is built on outsourcing some of the work to national ENV/Health Ministries
- This means we need to stay in close contact with national AmChams!
- Since 2010 our committee has been travelling to member state capitals to organise outreach meeting with ENV ministries.
- **Our meetings are open to you, we can also brief your members while we are in your capital.**

Why our voice makes sense in this debate

- Our members have 10 years' experience applying REACH. We have been through all the processes: we have advice on how to improve the implementation of the law.
- This expertise allows us to identify trends, patterns, and to remark on these when they are inappropriate or counterproductive.
- This knowledge, our position papers and speaking points are at your disposal. So are our contacts.

Environmental policy can have an impact on market access and production costs: that is why our member companies, and yours, care so much about this regulatory agenda.

Our Outreach in 2018



Netherlands



Czech Republic



ECHA (Finland)



Germany



Sweden



France

Q&A

How should we collaborate in 2018?



Our aim

Ensure a **growth-oriented business** and **investment climate in the EU**

Who we are

American companies
**committed to
and invested
in Europe**

What we want



To maintain
and strengthen
**the transatlantic
relationship**



To build a
stronger and
more united EU

What we stand for



Trust



Expertise



Excellence



Transparency

Thanks!

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