

Mandate for a standing working group of the ECHA Committee for Risk Assessment on:

the EU Positive Lists of starting substances, compositions and constituents for use in manufacture of materials or products in contact with water intended for human consumption as provided for in Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(RAC DWD WG)

1. Introduction and objectives

The Committee for Risk Assessment agreed to set up a standing working group under Art 85(9) of REACH, '*creation of ...and delegation of tasks to working groups*' and Art. 18 of the RAC Rules of Procedure "on the EU Positive Lists of starting substances, compositions and constituents for use in manufacture of materials or products in contact with water intended for human consumption as provided for in Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council" called the "Committee for Risk Assessment working group on Drinking Water Directive (RAC DWD WG).

The Rules of Procedure of the Committee apply to the working group, covering: independence, confidentiality, transparency, eligibility and participation. As subsidiary bodies, a quorum is not applied to the meetings of RAC working groups. Due to the specific expertise required for the evaluation of DWD applications it is expected that members of the RAC DWD working group nominated as advisers to the RAC members will contribute fully to the activities of the working group and give their independent scientific views while keeping RAC members informed.

The objective of this working group is to support the work of RAC and the future RAC rapporteurs in evaluating applications for EUPL inclusions and removals and any horizontal issues related to the DWD process.

The RAC Drinking Water Directive working group shall operate in an efficient and timely manner, within the scope as defined in section 2 and shall deliver the required output in line with Committee deadlines.

2. Organisation

- a) In line with the procedures of ECHA Committees and their working groups, the Chair of the RAC Drinking Water Directive working group shall be an employee of the Agency;
- b) The RAC Drinking Water Directive working group shall be supported by a Committee Coordinator from the Secretariat;
- c) Following each meeting, the RAC Drinking Water Directive working group shall prepare with the support of the Secretariat a brief report (summary record) to RAC containing its recommendations in the form of:

- i. a statement of the case or a topic for discussion/agreement;
 - ii. conclusions;
 - iii. action points and;
 - iv. a reflection of stakeholder interventions by topic.
- d) The RAC Drinking Water Directive working group shall be open to accredited stakeholder observers to attend at the invitation of the Secretariat.

3. Scope of the RAC Drinking Water Directive working group

The RAC Drinking Water Directive working group's activities under this mandate are related to the evaluation (risk assessment) of Industry or Member State applications proposing inclusions or removals to and from the EU positive lists of starting substances, compositions and constituents for use in manufacture of materials or products in contact with water intended for human consumption. The RAC Drinking Water Directive working group is tasked with evaluating submissions and preparing an opinion, or evaluating opinions on simpler cases prepared by the secretariat, so providing RAC with recommendations.

The working group shall maintain a list of relevant horizontal issues which the Committee and the Secretariat can request them to discuss and report.

The RAC Drinking Water Directive working group shall, in advance of the subsequent RAC-plenary meeting, carry out the following tasks:

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- Execute pilot projects related to the setting up of the evaluation process of substances, compositions and/or constituents of drinking water applications;
- Develop Committee procedures for the evaluations of applications;
- Comment on proposed guidance for the drinking water process;
- Maintain a list of relevant horizontal issues which the Committee and the Secretariat can request them to discuss and report;
- Consult and test relevant IT tools.

3. Validity

This mandate is valid until March 2025.