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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Review of the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and
Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)
- Information from the Commission

Delegations will find in the Annex an information note from the Commission on the above subject, to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Environment) meeting on 5 March 2018.

Review of the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

- Information from the Commission -

The Commission will inform Environment Ministers about the adoption of the Commission's general report on the operation of the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (REACH).

The REACH Regulation includes the obligation for a review every 5 years, to monitor progress towards the achievement of the REACH objectives.

The first review was adopted in 2013. This second REACH Review, also referred to as the REACH REFIT evaluation, was carried out over the past two years in line with the principles of Better Regulation and addressed the five compulsory evaluation criteria: effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value.

The report assesses whether REACH is fit for purpose and its contribution to the protection of human health and the environment. It also evaluates how REACH has promoted alternatives to animal testing and has ensured the free movement of chemicals on the EU single market.

The report presents possible further improvements in implementation and explores concrete actions, including on how to make the different REACH processes more efficient.
