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To Health and Safety Committee Members

Re: CMD revision: outcome of the vote in EMPL (28 Feb 2017)

Dear colleagues,

I would like to inform you briefly about the outcome of the vote on the 28th February 2017 in the Employment Committee of the European Parliament on the revision of the Carcinogens & Mutagens Directive (CMD).

Marita Ulvskog's report on the Commission proposal to amend the CMD (so-called "first batch" of May 2016) was adopted with an important majority (**38 in favor**, 6 against). **Most of the ETUC amendments have been adopted:**

Changes in the core of the directive (i.e. articles or Annex III)

- **Extension of CMD scope to reprotox substances**
- **Respirable crystalline Silica at 0,05 mg/m³(transition period of 10 years at 0,1 mg/m³- transition period to be reviewed after 5 years)**
- **Wood dust at 2 mg/m³ (transition of 5 years at 3 mg/m³ for hardwood dust and 5 mg/m³ for softwood dust, no more distinction at the end of the 5 year transition between soft and hardwood dust)**
- **Chromium VI at 1 µg/m³**

Changes in the recitals (door open for further improvements):

- **Health surveillance post retirement**
- **Collection of data improved at national & EU level**
- **Residual cancer risk added to each BOEL in Annex III**

Next step as regard COM proposal adopted in May 2016 (= 1st batch):

Marita Ulvskog has now the mandate to start negotiations with the Council (a formal confirmation from the EP plenary might be needed – new rules since January 2017). The base for the EP position in the negotiations is the report as adopted today.

Composition of the negotiating team:

Thomas Händel (Chair), Marita Ulvskog (Rapporteur, S&D), Claude Rolin (EPP Shadow rapporteur), Anthea McIntyre (ECR Shadow rapporteur), Renate Weber (ALDE Shadow rapporteur), Patrick Le Hyaric (GUE/NGL Shadow rapporteur), Karima Delli (Greens/EFA Shadow rapporteur), Laura Agea (EFDD Shadow rapporteur), Joëlle Mélin (ENF Shadow rapporteur)

Next step as regard COM proposal adopted in Jan 2017 (= 2nd batch):

EP rapporteur still to be nominated (probably Claude Rollin- EPP)

In conclusion, the outcome of the vote today in the European Parliament is a success for trade unions and I would like to thank you all for the important work you did with your national MEPs. However, this is only a first positive step and we will need to keep working together in the coming weeks for an ambitious revision of the CMD.

Thank you for your collaboration

Esther Lynch

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