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Subject: Third study on collecting most recent information for a certain number of substances with the view to analyse the health, socio-economic and environmental impacts in connection with possible amendments of Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (VC/2017/0011)

The European Commission is financing a study to support a possible amendment of Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work. The objective of the study is to assess the impacts of a range of Occupational Exposure Limit Values (OELVs) for the following chemical agents:

- cadmium and its inorganic compounds
- beryllium and its inorganic compounds
- arsenic acid, its salts, and other inorganic arsenic compounds
- formaldehyde
- chromium (VI) compounds from welding, plasma cutting, and similar work processes that generate fumes
- 4,4'-Methylene-bis(2-chloroaniline) (MOCA)

A further objective of the study is to collect information on the different OEL-deriving systems in EU Member States and selected third countries.

The objective of stakeholder consultation is to collect data and information feeding into the assessment of the OEL-deriving systems and the potential impacts of the OELV. This includes the collection of data and information on the extent of occupational exposure and the potential impacts of such OELVs by means of questionnaires, interviews, and site visits.

A consortium comprising RPA Risk & Policy Analysts (United Kingdom), FoBiG Forschungs- und Beratungsinstitut Gefahrstoffe (Germany), COWI (Denmark), and EPRD Office for Economic Policy and Regional Development (Poland) has been appointed to carry out the study.

I would be grateful for any assistance you are able to provide to the consortium led by RPA (UK) as they collect information and data to inform the analysis in this study. All queries concerning this study should, in the first instance, be addressed to RPA (UK).

Should additional information be required you may wish to contact the responsible officer in the Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion Directorate-General, Ms Karola Grodzki (telephone: +352 4301-37102, e-mail: karola.grodzki@ec.europa.eu).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation



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