

DIRECTION & MINUTE OF THE DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (“HSNO Act”)

Application APP203989: Amendment to the Fire Fighting Chemicals Group Standard

Direction & Minute WGT005 of the Decision-making Committee (DMC) – 04 December 2020

Background

1. The scheduled hearing for this application took place on Thursday 05 and Friday 06 November 2020.
2. At the completion of a scheduled time for a hearing, a DMC may choose to close the hearing if it has sufficient information to consider a decision or it may adjourn the hearing to further consider its decision and/or seek further information from any party to the application.

Adjournment and closure of the hearing

3. At the conclusion of the scheduled hearing on 06 November 2020 the DMC decided to adjourn the hearing. The DMC also directed the EPA to provide clarification on aspects of the proposed amendments in response to points of concern raised by submitters and the DMC during the hearing.
4. The EPA has now provided an update to the DMC which the DMC considers satisfactorily addressed the amendments where the DMC sought clarification.
5. The DMC considers that it is now in a position to close the hearing and make a decision on the proposed amendments to the group standard.
6. Any decision made by the DMC will be published by the EPA in accordance with the requirements and within the 30 working day statutory timeframe set out under the HSNO Act.

Directions

7. The DMC directs the following:
 - a. The hearing is to be considered closed as of 04 December 2020. The publication of the decision by the EPA on the proposed amendment as well as any associated documents will proceed in accordance with the requirements set out in the HSNO Act.
8. The DMC will continue to issue Direction and Minutes as necessary to advise parties to the process of further communications or procedural matters.

For the Decision-Making Committee:



Environmental
Protection Authority
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

04 December 2020

Dr Ngaire Phillips
Chairperson

Date