

DIRECTION & MINUTE OF THE DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

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

Application APP203989: Amendment to the Firefighting Chemicals Group Standard

Direction & Minute WGT002 of the Decision-making Committee (DMC) – 15 October 2020

Background

1. The EPA is currently assessing a proposed amendment to the Firefighting Chemicals Group Standard 2017. The proposal, recommendations from the EPA and presentations from submitters will be considered by the DMC at a hearing.
2. The EPA has completed its assessment of matters and updated its proposals for the amendment of the Firefighting Chemicals Group Standard 2017 such that a hearing can now be held.
3. The DMC therefore directs that a hearing will take place on 5 and 6 November 2020 in Wellington.
4. As a significant period of time has passed since the consultation the EPA has sought confirmation from submitters as to whether they still intended to be heard at a hearing. Those submitters who have stated that they wish to be heard at the hearing but are unable to attend in person can be heard using video conferencing functionalities.
5. All information to be considered by the DMC is to be provided to the EPA and subsequently made available to the DMC and to the public by 5pm on 22 October 2020, in accordance with the statutory timeframes set out in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

Directions

6. The DMC directs the following:
 - a. The hearing for the proposal to amend the Firefighting Chemicals Group Standard 2017 is to occur on 5 and 6 November 2020 with submitters to present to the DMC remotely or in person in Wellington as indicated to the EPA.
 - b. The EPA will publish the hearing schedule by 5pm on 22 October 2020 in advance of the hearing.
7. The DMC will continue to issue Directions and Minutes as necessary to advise parties to the process of further communications or procedural matters.

For the Decision-making Committee:



Dr Ngaire Phillips

Date 14 October 2020

Chairperson