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Dear Minister Hummelgaard,

Thank you for your letter of 6th April 2021 in which you enquire about the ongoing initiative to develop occupational exposure limit values to protect workers' health from risks arising from exposure to diisocyanates at the workplace.

Following the adoption of the scientific opinion by the Committee for Risk Assessment, in December 2020, the Commission launched the first stage consultation of the social partners at EU level in accordance with Article 154 TFEU. After a thorough analysis of the responses, we are in the process of finalising the documents for the launch of the second stage of this formal consultation. In parallel, an external study on the health, socio-economic and environmental impacts of the envisaged limit value is being carried out. This work will underpin the development of the impact assessment that will accompany the Commission proposal.

This thorough process ensures that the Commission proposal will be based on sound scientific, technical and socio-economic data and that all relevant stakeholders are engaged in the process.

The Commission plans to adopt its proposal on the limit value for diisocyanates in 2022.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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