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Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

Workshop 24-11-2017: REACH Annex XV restriction plastic and rubber granules used as infill material in synthetic turf pitches

Introduction



Workshop programme

- 9.00 Welcome and purpose of the workshop
- 9.15 Tour de table
- 9.45 Introduction on the Annex XV dossier and the discussion of today
- 10.00 **Theme 1.** Risk of granules used on synthetic turf pitches
- 11.15 **Theme 2.** Scope of the restriction and restriction options

- 12.30 Lunch break

- 13.30 **Theme 3.** Alternatives
- 14.45 **Theme 4.** Socio-economic effects of a restriction
- 16.00 Summary of discussions
- 17.00 Closure, drinks
- 17.30 End of the meeting



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Legal background and concern

Restrictions (annex XVII) in the REACH Regulation

- When unacceptable risk to humans or the environment have been identified
- Initiative for proposals: Member State competent authorities or European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (at request of European Commission)
- Commission decides based on opinions of ECHA's two scientific committees

Rubber granules used as infill in synthetic turf pitches

- Concerns raised related to recycled rubber granules
- US (cancer risk doubts), EU: MSs' and Commission's discussions
- Knowledge gap about substances in rubber granules and their concentrations and possible risks
- The Netherlands published an evaluation report in December 2016
- ECHA published a preliminary evaluation report in February 2017



I: Preparing REACH Restriction infill granules

The Netherlands

- Notified its intention to prepare the restriction proposal on PAHs in plastic and rubber infill material in June 2017
- Workshop in the Hague on 24 November

The European Commission

- Requested on 29 August ECHA to support the Netherlands and investigate if other substances may cause concern (both human health and the environment) that needs to be managed at EU-level

ECHA

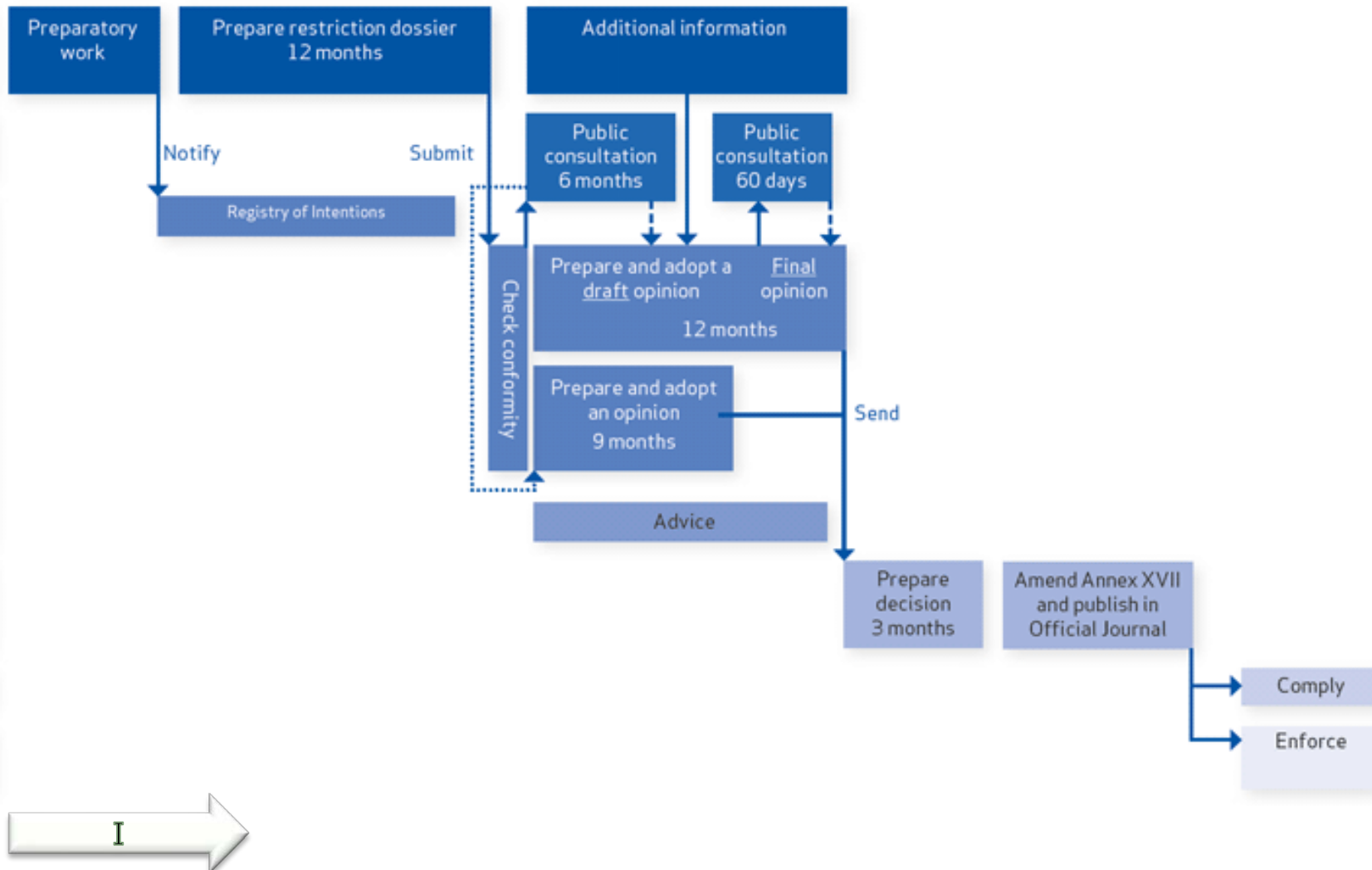
- Continue to support the Netherlands
- Call for evidence ended on 18 October
- Further investigation related to other substances ongoing



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Steps of the restriction process





Processing the dossier

II Ongoing: Preparation and submission of the restriction proposal

- Comments received from the call for evidence and during the workshop to be used in dossier development
- Submission of the restriction proposal to ECHA on PAHs in plastic and rubber granules in April 2018

III-IV Opinion development by RAC and SEAC*

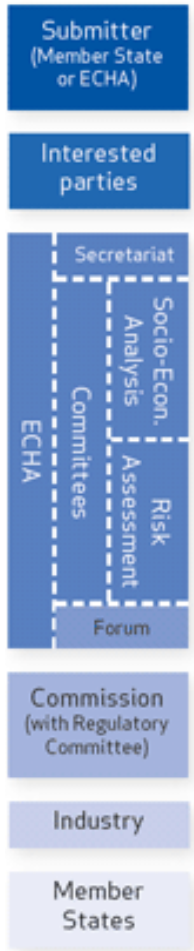
- Six months' **public consultation** on the restriction proposal report to start in June 2018
- Opinion of RAC and draft opinion on SEAC in March 2019
- 60 days **public consultation** of the SEAC draft opinion
- Final opinion of SEAC in June 2019

* *RAC= Committee for Risk Assessment*

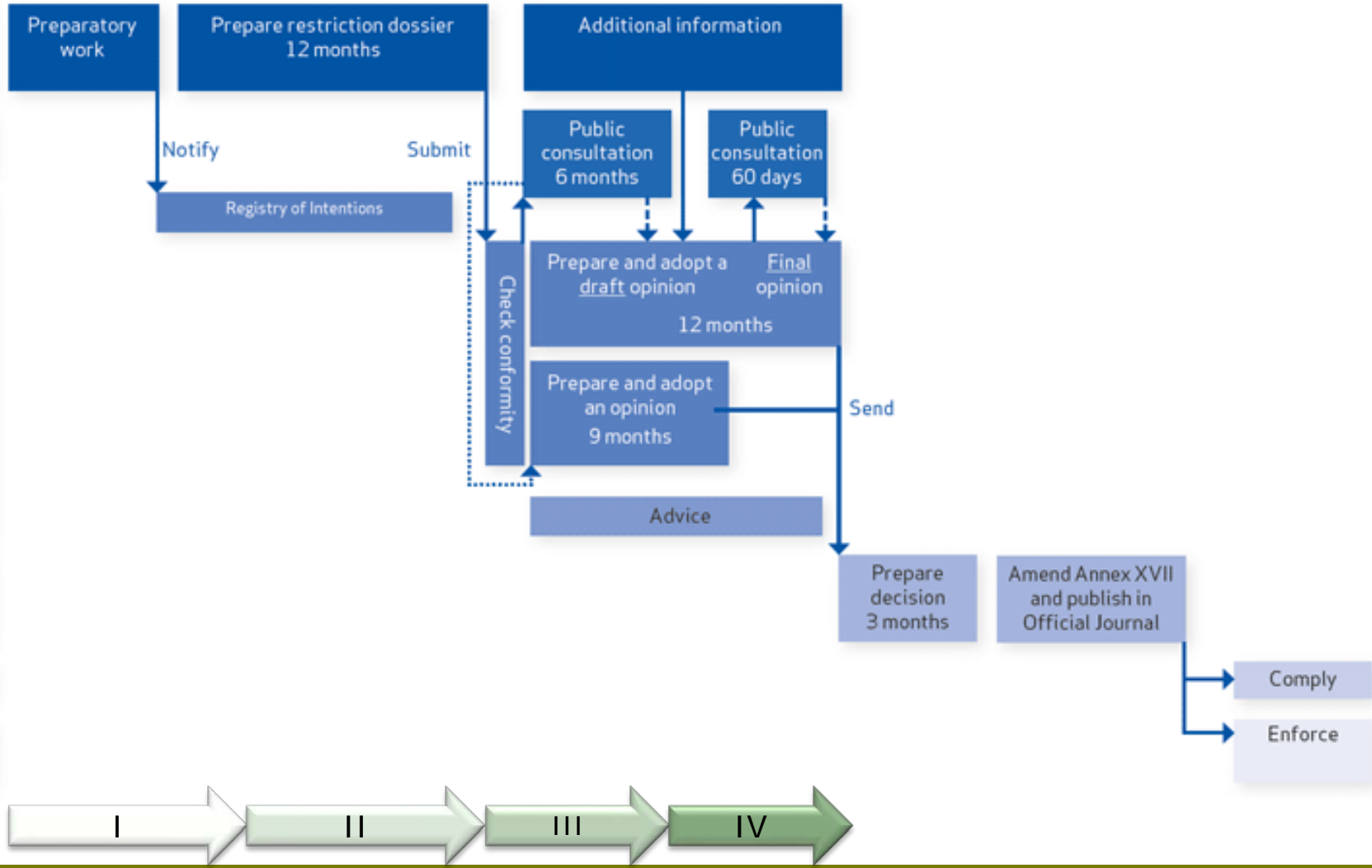
SEAC= Committee for Socio-economic Analysis



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Decision making and possible further action

Decision on restriction proposal

- After receiving the opinions, the Commission drafts the amendment to the Annex XVII of REACH
- Comitology procedure involving the Member States and the European Parliament
- Restriction in place earliest in 2020

ECHA's investigation on other substances ongoing

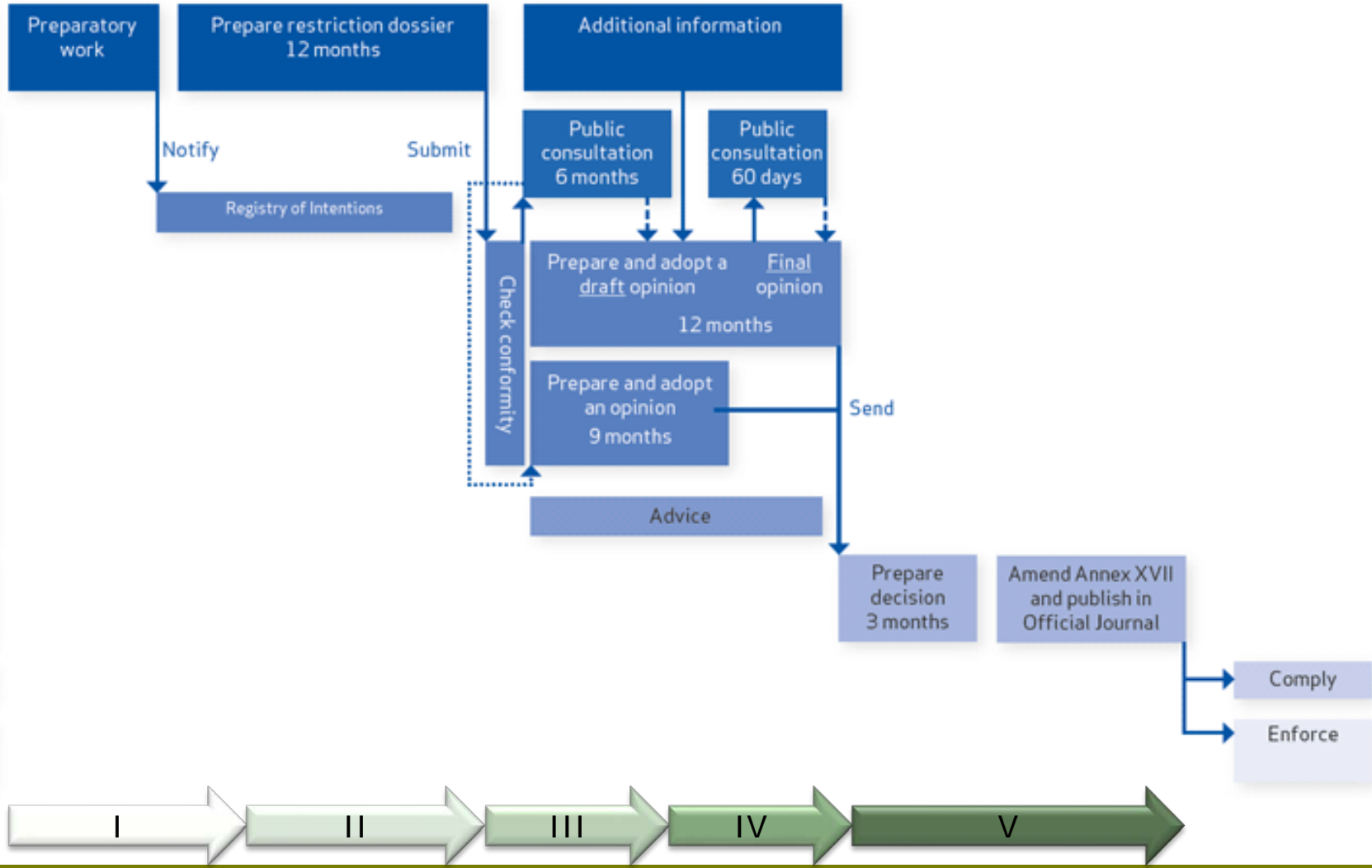
- if concern from other substances arises;
 - preparation of a separate restriction proposal for other substances



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Timelines for the restriction

