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to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Revision of the REACH Regulation

The European Environment Agency has reasserted, just a few days ago, that Europe is continuing to manufacture and use large quantities of chemicals that are harmful to human health, that both the regulation and monitoring of chemicals have failed to keep up with the synthesis and use of new chemicals, and that the bodies of European citizens are being polluted with a variety of harmful chemicals above safe levels. At the same time, research into ‘forever chemicals’ has revealed the worrying scale of pollution across Europe. The European Commission committed to bring forward, by 2022, a revision of the REACH Regulation to address these issues. However, the proposal has been delayed until the end of 2023.

In view of this situation:

1. What is the cause of this delay?

2. When exactly does the Commission intend to bring forward the revision and is the Commission unaware that the regulation is a matter of urgency for public health?

3. How does the Commission intend to conclude the European Green Deal in this term of office without a proposal before the autumn?

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