



Cross Industry Agreement – 8th Technical Meeting

Video call

12 June 2020

Meeting Report

Objectives & updates

The CIA signatories welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the meeting: i) technical aspects of the CIA test method; ii) updates on policy-making developments; iii) ISO proposal from Japan and iv) next steps.

i) Technical aspects of the CIA test method

CIA signatory presented a test method that has been agreed on, including parameters on liquor ratio and steel balls. CIA will proceed with the current status of the method and submit it to CEN. CIA will also include a disclaimer pointing out to pending parameters.

Finally, the participants agreed on using 50 steel balls and on moving forward without use of detergent, due to limited studies on detergent impact.

The participants agreed on a test method using only water but to also carry out studies with detergents. CIA will also provide technical input to AATCC, that will be collected from CIA researchers.

ii) Update on policy-making

CIA signatory updated on the Commission plan, the [Green Deal](#), which includes another Circular Economy Action Plan and on Zero-pollution ambition. The Circular Economy Action Plan, released in March 2020, addresses restrictions of intentionally added microplastics and further development of harmonised method to measure unintentionally released microplastics. In addition to harmonized test method, the CIA should publish a report on barriers and issues, as new researched study tackling microplastics released besides others also from textiles, to be launched after summer break following a new study on Microplastic release which the Commission is expected to launch. This study will focus on possible measures and policy recommendations.

EURATEX updates on recent meeting organized with Commission and FESI about funding opportunity for research through a submission of a project proposal by members of the CIA community to Horizon Europe call opening in November/December 2020. The call (and project proposal) shall focus on several aspects of microplastics including: data generation and collection, testing and hotspot identification in production and use phase feeding into policy recommendation.

The proposal was welcomed by CIA community Member in Sweden, Germany, UK and Japan and will be discussed in upcoming months based on interests and contributions. A project proposal concept paper shall be drafted by the time the call will be open starting in



September. The CIA signatories appreciate members as RICE, University Leeds, Niderhaim and Japan which volunteer to develop the concept paper draft by October. Participants stressed the importance of fiber producers to be involved.

iii) Progress Report from Japan

Japan has submitted a new preliminary proposal of ISO /TC38 in April under Textiles - Measurement of emission mass of fibre debris from textile products for microplastics detection - Domestic washing method). If the submission will be accepted, the proposal will be part of the ISO/TC38/WG34 (Microplastics from textile sources). Japan has proposed interested stakeholders to register as an expert. Japanese representative pointed out, all three (CIA, Italy and Japan) method used for different purposes tackling microplastic should be standardized as international. Voting by 22nd of July.

Conclusions and next steps

Participants and the CIA signatories agreed on the following:

- Consortium to send input on liquor ratio
- CIA to hand over proposal as of current status to CEN
- CIA to communicate with stakeholders ahead for discussion in CEN informing on this steps
- Progress towards phase 2, discuss further on centralised database and on funding
- Update the CIA infographics for new public communication
- Prepare a project proposal concept paper with to submit a project proposal for funding by the EU

As next steps, the hosts will: i) check with all participants for comments and permission to publish the meeting outcome; ii) circulate a doodle for the next meeting planned in September.



Participants

Organisation

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Tbc – on behalf of AISE
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AATCC, USA
AATCC, USA
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AITEK, Spain
CNR, Italy
Henkel – on behalf of AISE
Hohenstein, Germany
Japan Chemical Fibers Association, Japan
JTF, Japan
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