Question:

Given that the EOI has only been published in the Official Journal C 380 of the European Union Volume 58 on 14 November 2015, could the Commission please consider extending the submission of documents deadline to Monday 29th February 2016?

Answer:

The call for expression of interest was published on 11 September 2015 in Official Journal (OJ C 299, 11.9.2015, p. 28) with the deadline for submitting application of 31 December 2015. On 14 November 2015 a minor correction to the text of the call was made.

The deadline for submitting applications could be extended if there are objective reasons demonstrating that it is not possible to fulfil the requirements of the call within the given deadline (e.g. tests cannot be performed within the deadline, documents cannot be obtained etc.). The fact that a potential applicant has seen the launch of the call for expression of interest only at a later stage would not qualify as a valid reason for such an extension.

Question:

At page 7 (section 5.3.1) the Call for Expression of Interest, we note a request for a Chemical Safety Report (CSR) for the substance and that this report be specifically adapted for the use of the substance as a fiscal marker. A Chemical Safety Report is considered Intellectual Property and is governed by commercial rules established by ECHA.

Would it be acceptable if we provide a simplified version of the CSR which has been published on the ECHA website?

Answer:

It should be noted that the documentation is sent to the Commission, i.e. a public authority, which is bound by confidentiality rules.

The Commission services checked with ECHA and they do not publish any simplified version of the CSR on their website. Therefore the Commission services do not understand to what document the applicant refers to.

Question:

From a handling and safety perspective, is it acceptable the name "fuel additive" in the Chemical Safety Report instead of "fuel marker"?

Answer:

Including the name "fuel additive" instead of "fuel marker" for purposes of the Chemical Safety Report is acceptable.

Question:

It appears that a corrigendum has been published, but I cannot find what was modified, since the "corrigendum" link leads to the Official Journal, which himself gives a link to...the page with the "corrigendum" link. Can you tell us what was modified?

Answer:

It appears that there was a technical problem. The text of the corrigendum can as from now be seen on the dedicated webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/excise_duties/energy_products/other_energy_tax_leg/call_euromarker_en.htm