

Update of the information on the selection process – timeline

The deadline for submitting applications to the call for expression of interest expired on 31 March 2016. The applications were examined. Four candidate markers were short-listed for testing and the candidates were asked to submit substances for testing.

Below is an update of the indicative timeline for the steps in the selection of a substance suitable for use as a marker in gas and kerosene.

March 2017: Completion of the tests and measurements.

May-November 2017: Assessment of the four short-listed candidate markers by SCHEER.

November 2017: Presentation of results of the selection process to Member States and obtaining Member States' opinion on the selected substance.

Subsequently, if a better performing substance is identified, a decision designating the chosen substance as a common marker in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 43 of Directive 2008/118/EC needs to be presented by the Commission.

Mid 2020: A certified reference material (CRM) will be available if it has been decided to implement a better performing marker as a result of these tests (based on discussions with the Member States in November 2017).

Please note that the above timeline is indicative and it does not bind the Commission.
