

Information on the selection process - timeline

The deadline for submitting applications to the call for expression of interest expired on 31st of March 2016.

The applications are currently being examined.

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

April-May 2016: Pre-selection of applications on the basis of documentation.

End of May 2016: Short list of candidate markers for testing. The candidates will be asked to submit substances for testing.

November 2016: Completion of the tests.

End of 2016: Presentation of results of the selection process to Member States and obtaining Member States' opinion on the selected substance.

First part of 2017: Assessment of the substance by SCHER.

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.

By the end of 2019: A certified reference material (CRM) will be available if a better performing marker can be found as a result of these tests.

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