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to the Commission
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Subject: REACH review presented at CARACAL

Commission President von der Leyen has clearly indicated that the focus of the new Commission is simplification and competitiveness. Nevertheless, it is striking that, despite this commitment, several legislative files are still being dealt with in a ‘business as usual’ way.

The review of the Regulation on the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (REACH), presented at the meeting of Competent Authorities for REACH and Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) (CARACAL) on 3 April 2025, does not seem to include any proposed simplifications that reduce the administrative burden for industry. The Commission seems intent on persisting with the same ideas and approach, even though they have proven ineffective. The comments received from EU industry stakeholders are highly critical, saying that it seems as though the Commission services live in a different world from their political leadership and president. Furthermore, they consider it absurd to call the proposals ‘simplification’ because it is as if the Competitiveness Compass, Clean Industrial Deal or economic crisis simply do not exist.

1. How are the relevant services ensuring that the new Commission’s political orientation is being implemented in their directorates-general to align legislation with the Competitiveness Compass?
2. Has the Commission assessed the economic impact of this ‘internal miscommunication’ that risks driving industry away from the EU and towards other more appealing markets?

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