

Belgium: non-essential activities in the chemical sector

FGTB and CSC, Belgian chemicals trade unions wrote to the Belgian Prime Minister demanding to distinguish essential from non-essential activities in the chemical sector. While the whole sector is still identified as a crucial sector, employers are taking advantage of this measure to escape the rules of social distancing. This is irresponsible and without any consideration for the workers and their health.

They put forward constructive proposals in order to identify crucial activities.

Their objectives are to:

- limit the spread of the coronavirus by:
 - Specifying the list of really essential activities in the sector
 - The imposition of rules of teleworking and social distancing.
- Anticipating the social crisis: workers' incomes must be guaranteed.

The letter and the press release are enclosed.

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