



Subject: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) substances

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the implementation of the substance-specific topic of per- and substances (PFAS) in our company, on which we would like to comment as follows as follows:

Background/proposal to restrict PFAS:

As part of the EU sustainability strategy for chemicals, the Commission is presenting a comprehensive comprehensive package of measures to regulate the substance class of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The declared aim is to restrict the use of PFAS and the the placing on the market of products containing PFAS in the EU as far as possible. restricted as far as possible. On March 22, 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published a dossier on the comprehensive restriction of perfluorinated and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) and launched the public consultation and launched the public consultation (ECHA restriction dossier). The the manufacture, placing on the market and use of all PFAS as such or in mixtures and articles as such or in mixtures and articles is to be restricted or banned.

PFAS are all substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated -CF₂ or -CF₃ group (without an H/Cl/Br/I atom attached). The scope of the restriction proposal concerns more than 10,000 substances. The main uses are textiles (rain jackets, special protective equipment, e.g. firefighter suits), in contact with food contact (e.g. pizza boxes, Teflon pans), in fire extinguishing foams but also in e.g. lubricants. e.g. lubricants. All PFAS are either persistent themselves ("eternal chemicals") or are degraded to persistent PFAS (e.g. PFCAs, TFA, etc.). PFAS remain in the environment for in the environment for decades and can affect humans and the environment or have harmful effects. Under the CLP Regulation, only individual PFAS substances are substances are harmonized (e.g. PFOS), under the REACH regulation there is a candidate list with 10 PFAS entries.

For some weeks now, the restriction proposal on PFAS has attracted a lot of public attention. attention. There is currently no legal obligation to notify or provide information. Internally, we have intensified our efforts on the topic of PFAS in the company processes processes (e.g. development, purchasing, production) and are currently determining how we are affected in processes or how we are affected by PFAS in our products (e.g. through corresponding PFAS coatings). corresponding PFAS coatings).

We therefore ask for your understanding that, as part of our legal compliance principle, i.e. compliance with the relevant environmental regulations, we currently also comply with the associated relevant regulations (e.g. ChemG, REACH-VO), but we do not have any separate information on PFAS substances. separate information is available. As soon as we have identified relevant information, we will communicate this accordingly.

We hope that the information provided above will give you a satisfactory impression of our about our efforts to integrate PFAS into our business processes. If you have any further information on the subject of substance policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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