



Subject : Restriction proposal on PFAS substances.

Dear Customer,

since 2020, five competent authorities of Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Denmark have been working on a proposal for limiting the production, import and use of PFAS substances (perfluorinated and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) in the European Union Countries.

This restriction proposal was submitted on 13 January 2023 to ECHA (the European Chemicals Agency) which then launched a Public Consultation to determine its applicability. The first phase of the consultation ended on 25 September 2023 and, currently, the matter is in the hands of ECHA's scientific committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) to determine a definitive position of the Agency and then formulate a final proposal to be submitted to the European Parliament which will decide whether and which restrictions will apply.

The presentation of the final proposal by ECHA to the European Parliament is expected in the second quarter of 2024 and, considering also what can be deduced from the websites of the national authorities (<https://echa.europa.eu/it/-/echa-receives-5-600-comments-on-pfas-restriction-proposal>), the possible entry into force of the eventual restrictions is likely to take place during the year 2025. This will be followed by a transition period of 18 months to give concerned companies the opportunity to adapt to the new requirements.

Sincerely yours
Hagen, 14.11.2023

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