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Information for customers regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are used in many products. Once released, however, their extraordinary chemical stability means that they persist in the environment for decades and may have a harmful impact on people and the environment.

On 13 January 2023, a proposal was made to restrict PFAS as a group. This was a restriction proposal covering all uses of PFAS (with the exception of fire extinguishing foams). The proposed ban was drawn up within the framework of the REACH regulation by official bodies from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

On 22 March 2023, this proposal for banning the production, use and marketing (including imports) was published by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). This is one of the most far-reaching proposals made since the REACH regulation came into force in 2007. A decision on this ban by the European Commission is anticipated in 2025. Depending on the application, the proposed restriction envisages transitional periods for businesses of between 1.5 and 13.5 years to allow alternatives to be found.

<https://echa.europa.eu/de/hot-topics/perfluoroalkyl-chemicals-pfas>

Schäfer + Peters GmbH is investigating the impacts of a potential PFAS ban and is contacting its suppliers to check out potential alternatives.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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