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## PFAS – Perfluorinated Alkyl Substances

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as "Forever Chemicals," are under increased regulatory scrutiny due to their environmental and health risks. Due to their chemical and thermal stability and persistence in the environment, various governments have initiated measures to limit their use.

The European Commission published a strategy for sustainable chemicals on October 14, 2020, which includes specific regulatory approaches for PFAS, aiming to significantly reduce the spread of these substances in the EU. In parallel, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working on regulations within the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) to establish restrictions and reporting requirements for PFAS in the U.S. market.

EAO AG supports these strategies to reduce chemical risks to health and the environment. As of February 7, 2023, the details of the proposal to restrict nearly 10,000 PFAS substances through the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) are available, and their impacts are now being assessed.

EAO AG does not produce PFAS. However, PFAS are used in many industrial applications due to their thermal and chemical resistance, as well as water and oil repellency. In Europe, many PFAS currently have no reporting requirement, but the USA has introduced a "PFAS Declarable Substance List" to facilitate their identification.

Against this background, EAO AG is analyzing its international supply chains to accurately assess the impacts of upcoming restrictions on products and to take timely measures to comply with current and future laws. Some PFAS substances are already regulated by the REACH and POP regulations.



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