

Subject: PFAS (Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances) situation in Europe

PFAS is a family of products that consists of fluorocarbon chemicals or fluoro polymers. There are basically over 10.000 PFAS chemicals & polymers existing; some are already restricted in Europe but for a lot of them, further studies are ongoing to assess if they are all harmful to human health or to the environment.

PFAS chemical eliminations or restrictions are currently regulated in Europe by REACH (Restriction, Evaluation, Authorization of Chemicals) and/or POP (Persistent Organic Pollutants).

As per POP regulation, a global ban or restriction applies currently to the following PFAS chemicals, for use in articles:

- PFOA (C8) or Perfluorooctanoic acid and related compounds: < 0.025 ppm in articles (= Regulation 2020/784)
- PFHxS (C6) or Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid and related compounds: < 0.025 ppm in articles (= Regulation upcoming soon)
- PFOS (C8) or Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and derivatives: < 0.1% or < 1µg/m² of coated materials (= Regulation 2019/1021)

Furthermore, the REACH regulation also restricts certain PFAS chemicals (defined as per Annex XVII of this regulation), as follows:

- PFCA's or Perfluorocarboxylic acid and its salts: < 25 ppb in articles (= Regulation 2021/1297)
- PFOA (C8) or Perfluorooctanoic acid and related compounds: < 0.025 ppm in articles (= Regulation 2017/1000)
- PFOS (C8) or Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and derivatives: < 0.1% or < 1µg/m² of coated materials (= Regulation 552/2009)

Further PFAS restrictions will continue to be assessed by the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) through their Risk Analysis Committee (RAC) and Socio-Economic Committee (SEAC) and further restrictions can therefore be expected based on the usage of these PFAS chemicals and based on the use per sector.

What does this mean for the Products placed on the market in Europe, by Ansell?

Ansell is fully committed to its obligations as per any applicable European Regulations. All our products therefore also comply to the requirements of above mentioned POP and REACH regulations and therefore respects any restrictions or bans that are defined under these current regulations.

Even if we are compliant to these current restrictions and **none of our products contain the substances of concern mentioned above**, it doesn't necessarily mean that all our products can be confirmed as generally **PFAS**-free. For pending and future regulations, a very wide definition of PFAS is foreseen. Such a wide definition of PFAS would also include polymers such as fluoroplastics and fluoroelastomers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guido Van Duren".

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