

INFORMATION

PFAS - Statement on the intended amendments to the Annex of the REACH Regulation

On 7 February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published details of a proposal to restrict the production, placing on the market and use of around 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The consultation procedure at the European Commission was concluded on 25/09/2023. As part of the consultation, the ECHA received more than 5,600 comments from over 4,400 organisations, firms and private individuals. The comments are being checked by the scientific Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) at the ECHA, and any comments providing relevant empirical information will be taken into account during the opinion-forming process.

The ECHA will submit its final report to the European Commission as soon as possible and will simultaneously ensure it is adequately verified by the scientific committees. As soon as those committees have adopted their positions, those positions will be made public. Once the political process is complete, there will be a transitional period of 18 months, after which the ban will come into force.

The following EXMAR catalogue items contains PFAS:

Material	Product	PFAS
Stainless Steel	Cutting ring and tapered seal fittings, NC clamping ring fittings, adaptors and hose couplings with soft seals made of FKM	In the basic material of PTFE and FKM. Stainless steel as a material is not affected.
	Cutting rings made of PTFE	
	Valves / ball valves / quick couplings with soft seals made of FKM or seals made of PTFE	
Jacoflon	Stainless steel-coated PFTE pipe	In the basic material PTFE and in PFTE and FKM connections.
Accessories	PTFE strip	In the basic material PTFE

We will keep you up to date as to any effects and ask that you contact your local supervisory authorities and administrative bodies in order to carefully evaluate the effects of any restrictions for the use of fluoropolymers.

We have provided this information to the best of our knowledge and belief and it is based on information and data which EXMAR considers reliable based on its current knowledge as well as on the currently applicable regulation. For the time being, nothing will change for you as our customer. You can continue to purchase and use our products as usual, with no restrictions. All the certifications and endorsements we have issued for our products remain valid.

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