



INFORMATION ON THE PFAS SUBSTANCE GROUP

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We, NK Kunststofftechnik GmbH, would like to inform you about the current legal situation regarding a possible restriction of all perfluorinated and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (in short: PFAS) by the EU.

Currently, the entire group of PFAS is not subject to any restriction. Individual substances and their precursor compounds, which can be classified as PFAS, are restricted by the POP Regulation (EU) 2019/1021. POP stands for **Persistent Organic Pollutants**. Persistent organic pollutants are organic chemicals that are characterized by their longevity (persistence). We have drafted a statement on this group, which is attached to this letter.

A public consultation period was held on PFASs until September 25th, 2023, in which companies and stakeholders involved in PFASs could participate. So far, there have been applications to ban only PFAS in firefighting foams or in the consumer sector (e.g. Teflon coatings in pans), among others. The EU will evaluate all applications and respond in an appropriate manner. A complete and general ban on the use of PFASs is currently not to be expected, as the group comprises a large number of substances (approx. 10,000) that can hardly be substituted in the short term. Furthermore, the German government explicitly stated, that it will not support any general restriction of a whole class of chemical substances like PFAS (see: <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/aktuelles/chemie-spitzengespraech-am-27-september-2023-2226128?view=renderNewsletterHtml>).

As there is some uncertainty among our customers about the further regulations regarding the use of PFAS, NK is working to create transparency about the ingredients in our products and to search for alternatives as a preventive measure. However, the latter is only necessary in a few cases, as NK's main raw materials do not contain PFAS.

Regardless of the further course of the legal situation, we will continue to supply you as usual with high-quality products that comply with the applicable legal regulations. Should there be any change in the restriction of PFAS, we will inform you and provide alternative solutions.

This declaration has been completed electronically. It is valid without signature as a commitment. NK Kunststofftechnik GmbH takes the complete responsibility for this declaration as it would be signed handwritten.