

Dear Customer,

This communication is in relation to the REACH Annex XV restrictions proposal on all Perpolyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), submitted to European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 13 Jan 23:

Proposed PFAS Restriction Directive

This could potentially have wide reaching consequences for many of our customers, for both sealing applications and moulded parts, as materials currently used (PTFE, FKM, PVDF, FEP) may become unavailable as soon as 2026.

Our key business partners are already deploying teams to create formulations of materials which include non-hazardous PFAS chemicals, such as non-fluoro surfactants.

In parallel to the above activities, a number of our suppliers are also gathering statements and preparing data which shows that many of the materials that are considered within the PFAS group, are in fact considered Polymers of low concern, and therefore they feel that they should not be included in a blanket ban on PFASs.

Additionally, the European Sealing Association (ESA) are organising and intend to present significant information to the ECHA, which they have received in the form of feedback from end users / manufacturers, detailing the impact of the proposed changes will have to their activities.

SEP would encourage any customer who would wish to add their voice to this activity, to do so by following the link below:

“We would like you to participate in this report. All of the communication is with Ricardo and will be conducted under NDA’s generated by them. If you would like to participate, then please complete this link:

Please read and complete the information request on this [link](#).”

(Source: ESA Letter of Engagement – February 2023)

Yours Faithfully

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