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EU – Restriction on PFAS environmental pollutants

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding PFAS, to which we hereby provide the following information.

PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are used in specific applications due to their properties. However, these substances do not degrade in the environment, or degrade only very slowly; furthermore, some of these substances are suspected of having harmful effects on health.

Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG keeps itself constantly informed about applicable substance restrictions and the latest developments regarding the planned PFAS ban, and is also in constant contact with its suppliers in order to be able to respond promptly to legal developments. In accordance with its legal obligations, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG informs its customers about any substances of very high concern that may be contained in its products. Similarly, substance restrictions in accordance with the provisions and annexes of Regulation (EU) No 1907/2006 (REACH Regulation) are, of course, taken into account.

At present, an initial draft from the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) for a PFAS ban is available, which is still being extensively discussed. In addition to defining the substances concerned, the impact of comprehensive substance bans on product availability is a key aspect of the ongoing legislative negotiations.

Surface systems potentially affected may include zinc lamella coatings with friction-modifying lubrication. A decision on a possible ban is expected in 2026.

According to the proposed restriction, companies will have transition periods of between one and a half and thirteen and a half years, depending on the application, to find alternatives.

Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG will be able to provide more detailed information on PFAS in products once the legal situation regarding the planned ban on these substances has been clarified.

Yours faithfully

Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

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