

Subject: PFAS regulation

Dear customers,

The effects of potential PFAS regulation by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) are currently the subject of intense debate. We would like to give you a brief overview of the current status of developments.

The group of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) includes numerous toxic compounds that can accumulate in the environment due to their persistence. Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, also known as the POP Regulation, already regulates the production and use of some PFAS compounds, including PFOS and PFAO compounds.

The current PFAS draft relates to a restriction procedure under the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals in the EU. The ECHA proposes to ban the manufacture, use and placing on the market of several thousand PFAS compounds in order to reduce the release of toxic substances.

The restriction is expected to come into force in 2025 or 2026. The main discussions will deal with the proposed exemptions from the restriction for certain applications for which alternatives do not yet exist. The exemptions will be limited to 5 or 12 years.

The ban could also affect fluoropolymers, including materials made of PTFE, PVDF, FKM, FFKM, FEPM, FEP and PFA, which are used as seals, diaphragms or dosing components in our machines, for example. We are already in contact with our suppliers to discuss possible alternatives.

As the draft has not yet been finalized, we are unfortunately unable to make any statements about the possible effects on the components currently used in the machines. We are monitoring the further course of the restriction procedure and its content in order to be able to initiate appropriate measures if necessary.

We will keep you up to date and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

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