



Attention: The EU has officially added PFHxS to the POPs regulation

On August 8, 2023, the European Commission published a revised regulation (EU) 2023/1608 of the EU POPs Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 in its official gazette, officially listing PFHxS, its salts, and related substances on the list of prohibited substances in Annex I of the EU POPs Regulation. This regulation will come into effect on the 20th day after its publication in the official gazette. At this point, the list of prohibited substances in Annex I of the EU POPs regulation has been increased from 28 to 29.

In Part A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, the following entry is added:

Substance	CAS No	EC No	Specific exemption on intermediate use or other specification
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds “Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds” means the following: (i) perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, including any of its branched isomers; (ii) its salts; (iii) PFHxS-related compounds which, for the purposes of the Convention, are any substance that contains the chemical moiety C6F13S- as one of its structural	355-46-4 and others	206-587-1 and others	<p>1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1), point (b), shall apply to concentrations of PFHxS or any of its salts equal to or below 0,025 mg/kg (0,000025 % by weight) where they are present in substances, mixtures or articles.</p> <p>2. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1), point (b), shall apply to the sum of concentrations of all PFHxS-related compounds equal to or below 1 mg/kg (0,0001 % by weight) where they are present in substances, mixtures or articles.</p> <p>3. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1), point (b), shall apply to concentrations of PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds equal to or</p>



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<p>elements and that degrades to PFHxS.</p>		<p>below 0,1 mg/kg (0,00001 % by weight) where it is present in concentrated firefighting foam mixtures that are to be used or are used in the production of other firefighting foam mixtures. This exemption shall be reviewed and assessed by the Commission no later than 28 August 2026.'</p>
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