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ECHA adopts final opinions on PFAS restriction proposals

On 19 November 2026, the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) adopted its final opinion on the REACH restriction proposal for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The main points are as follows:

EAC concluded that EU-wide action is needed to address the risks posed by PFAS, prevent market distortions and maintain a level playing field across the EU. Based on its assessment of the socio-economic impacts of the proposed restriction, and considering the Committee for Risk Assessment's (RAC) conclusions on PFAS emissions and risks, SEAC supports a ban with use-specific derogations.

To ensure that the restriction remains proportionate and practical, SEAC recommends:

1. use-specific derogations where justified by the available evidence;
2. transition and derogation periods that allow time to develop and implement alternatives and compliance with any additional conditions; and
3. time-limited derogations for certain sectors, pending further evaluation.

Certain requirements under the PFAS restriction proposal

Substance	Proposed restriction conditions
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) defined as: Any substance that contains at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF3-) or methylene (-CF2-) carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I attached to it).	1. Shall not be manufactured, used or placed on the market as substances on their own; 2. Shall not be placed on the market in: a. another substance, as a constituent; b. a mixture, c. an article in a concentration of or above: i. 25 ppb for any PFAS as measured with targeted PFAS analysis (polymeric PFASs excluded from quantification) ii. 250 ppb for the sum of PFASs measured as sum of targeted PFAS analysis, optionally with prior degradation of precursors iii. 50 ppm for total PFASs (polymeric PFASs included). If total fluorine exceeds 50 mg F/kg the manufacturer, importer or downstream user shall upon request provide to the enforcement authorities a proof for the fluorine measured as content of either PFASs or non-PFASs.

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In the coming weeks, both opinions will be finalised and sent, together with the final RAC opinions and background documents, to the European Commission. These documents will be published on ECHA's website. Based on the final opinions of RAC and SEAC, the Commission will propose restrictions on both for discussion and vote in the REACH Committee, composed of EU Member States.

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