

## PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES “PFAS”

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Dear partner,

There are changes planned to the European REACH regulation for restrictions in accordance with Annex XV. These changes could affect the use of fluoropolymers. Fluoropolymers are used in several products that Teesing supplies as lubrication, seals, gaskets, fittings, and hoses.

On 7 February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published details of a proposal to restrict the production, placing on the market and use of around 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The consultation procedure at the European Commission was concluded on 25/09/2023. As part of the consultation, the ECHA received more than 5,600 comments from over 4,400 organisations, firms and private individuals. The comments are being checked by the scientific Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) at the ECHA, and any comments providing relevant empirical information will be taken into account during the opinion-forming process.

The ECHA will submit its final report to the European Commission as soon as possible and will simultaneously ensure it is adequately verified by the scientific committees. As soon as those committees have adopted their positions, those positions will be made public. Once the political process is complete, there will be a transitional period of 18 months, after which the ban will come into force.

We will keep you up to date as to any effects and ask that you contact your local supervisory authorities and administrative bodies in order to carefully evaluate the effects of any restrictions for the use of fluoropolymers.

We have provided this information to the best of our knowledge and belief and it is based on information and data which Teesing considers reliable based on its current knowledge as well as on the currently applicable regulation. For the time being, nothing will change for you as our customer. You can continue to purchase and use our products as usual, with no restrictions. All the certifications and endorsements we have issued for our products remain valid.

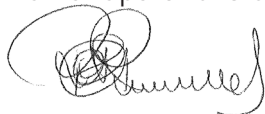
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We are working with our partners to understand the implications which possible restrictions could have. As these regulations are still in the design phase and have not yet been announced, it is difficult to say how they will affect the industry. As soon as possible consequences have become clear, this statement will be updated and published on [www.teesing.com](http://www.teesing.com)

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Best regards,

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