

To customers, business partners and users of PTFE and PTFE-containing sealing materials and other interested parties (stakeholders)

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Preparing to participate in the SEAC consultation

„ Consultation on the SEAC draft opinion on the restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)“

General information:

- Request for company information
 - Where possible, responses should be supported by additional information
 - If unsure: choose the most plausible answer
- Sectors are considered individually in the survey
- Differentiation of entries necessary for multi-sector companies
 - Answers should be as detailed as possible
 - Information about missing sub-uses can be provided here

1. Important! Application assignment

Application review based on "use mapping" to determine whether PFAS applications can be assigned to one of the 15 product categories.

(Use mapping → "PFAS application assignment - Appendix to the guidance for participants in the consultation on the SEAC draft opinion on the restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)")

Sectors assessed → specific questions	Sectors not assessed → general questions
Consumer mixtures and miscellaneous articles	Printing applications
Cosmetics	Sealing applications
Ski wax	Machinery applications
Metal plating and manufacture of metal products	Other medical applications
Petroleum and mining	Military applications
TULAC	Explosives
Food contact materials (FCM) and packaging	Technical textiles
Construction products	Broader industrial uses
Applications of fluorinated gases	
Medical devices	
Transport	
Energy	
Lubricants	
Electronics and semiconductors	
PFAS manufacturing	

Answering the specific questions

Please note: Sealing applications may be found in the individual sectors, but should not be assessed there; instead, they should be assessed in the general section.

Answering the general questions section

Helpful preparation for answering the general questions section

→ Using the questions in the specific section as a guide

Please note: Sealing applications may be found in individual cases in the individual sectors, but as a separate sector they



are not included in the 14 sectors + PFAS production evaluated by ECHA. Therefore, it is necessary to answer the general questions in the general section.

If there are different applications in different sectors, it is essential to participate in the consultation separately for each application!

2. Important! Guidelines for participants

"Guidances for response" of the ECHA consultation describes the procedure

"Consultation on the SEAC draft opinion on the restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – Guidance for participants"

- Alternatives:
 - Are there alternatives?
 - Are they sufficient?
 - How are the substitution periods assessed?
 - Are there technical reasons for the lack of alternatives?
 - Are there any safety aspects to consider with substitution?
- Socioeconomic aspects:
 - What impact would a ban have on sales?
 - Would jobs be lost?
 - Would product availability be guaranteed in the event of a ban?
- Quantities: Annual quantities of PFAS used (including imports) in a specific area of application
- Costs/evaluation of RO3:
 - taking into account the requirements for exemptions under restriction option 3 (permanent exemption).
 - e.g., creation of a list of all fluoropolymer-containing parts of a plant and regular evaluation of alternatives every 5 years

3. Important! Create a login with [EUSurvey](#) as a prerequisite for participating in the consultation.

EU Survey is used as a survey portal ([EUSurvey](#)).

Account creation required for participation (including two-factor authentication)

Confidential information should be marked as such and transmitted!

Anonymous participation is not possible! → ECHA may contact you if they have any questions

Submissions can be edited and multiple submissions are possible

Submission is confirmed and can be saved

Note:

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