

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

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European PFAS restriction procedure

Developments in 2025

August

Publication of the revised PFAS background document:

[Press release 08/27/2025](#), [RAC & SEAC \(draft\) Background document \(and annexes\)](#)

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Key news:

- Inclusion of 8 new product categories (including machinery and sealing applications)
- Assessment of a further regulatory option (RO3)
- New or amended proposals for exemptions

August / September

ECHA communication on the timetable and SEAC consultation:

[Press release 08/27/2025](#) and „[Note](#)“, [press release 09/15/25](#)

Key news:

- Consultation on the preliminary opinion of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) will start in March 2026 and run for 60 days
- Eight new sectors will not be subject to scientific evaluation

October / December

ECHA webinar on October 30, 2025, on the upcoming SEAC consultation: [Recording](#)

BAuA webinar on December 10, 2025, "After the consultation is before the consultation": [Slides](#)

Key news:

- Consultation divided into 2 parts (general section and sector-specific section)
- The sector-specific section covers 15 sectors (14 sectors from the original dossier and PFAS manufacturing)

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- Eight newly identified sectors are not included; comments are to be submitted via the general section.
- To identify whether your own use is part of the 15 sectors, ECHA is publishing the "Use Mapping" document.

December

ECHA guidance on SEAC consultation, including questions: [Document](#)

Draft version of ECHA's use mapping overview of PFAS uses: [Document](#)

Estimated time frame 2026 / 2027

2026: Scientific process

March

Start of the 60-day consultation on the SEAC Draft Opinion

December

Conclusion of scientific discussion: publication of the final RAC/SEAC opinion

2027: Political process

18 months Transition period

- EU Commission drafts proposal to amend REACH Annex XVII
- Discussion in the REACH Regulatory Committee and decision by the EU Commission
- Review by the European Parliament and the European Council

Official publication and entry into force

Entry into force

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