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PFAS restriction process / SEAC consultation

*Dear Sir or Madam,
Dear customers and partners,*

The SEAC consultation within the framework of the European PFAS restriction process will end on 31 May 2026.

Companies using gaskets, gland packings, or expansion joints based on PTFE or fluoropolymers (e.g. FKM, FFKM) would be directly affected by a potential far-reaching PFAS ban. This particularly concerns applications where, at present, no technically and economically equivalent alternatives are available.

For this reason, feedback from industrial practice is of crucial importance. The information submitted within the consultation is directly incorporated into the assessment by SEAC and influences, among other things:

- *the evaluation of technical alternatives,*
- *the assessment of socio-economic impacts,*
- *possible exemption rules,*
- *as well as transition periods for critical applications.*

Without robust data from real-world applications, there is a risk that decisions are made on an incomplete factual basis. This could lead to disproportionate restrictions, significant risks for industrial processes, as well as impacts on supply chains and supply security.

The ongoing consultation represents the only formal opportunity to actively contribute these aspects to the process.

We therefore strongly encourage you to review the attached documents with further information and to participate in the SEAC consultation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and commitment.