

Proposed Restriction of PFAS in the European Union

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Background

On 7 February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published the proposal to restrict around 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) within the European Union (EU). This proposal was submitted to ECHA by five EU member states on 13 January 2023, and it aims to reduce PFAS emissions into the environment and make products and processes safer.

ECHA's scientific committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Assessment (SEAC) have now concluded their review of the proposal for legal compliance with REACH and a public consultation has been opened on 22 March 2023.

Nouryon and PFAS

As a leading global specialty chemicals company, Nouryon engages with legislative and regulatory bodies, industry and trade associations, and non-governmental organizations in our key markets, as well as participates in policy discussions on sustainability within our industry via trade associations.

We can confirm that Nouryon does not produce or market PFAS as part of our product portfolio, nor do we use any PFAS directly as raw materials for our products and as such do not expect any disruption to the supply of our products.

We will continue to monitor developments on this topic closely and remain in close contact with our relevant trade associations in this matter.