

Statement on the Use of per- & polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

In February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published a proposal to restrict approximately 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The aim is to reduce PFAS emissions and make products and processes more environmentally friendly and safer. The RAC is expected to finalise its opinion in March 2026, while the SEAC will agree its draft opinion for further consultation. The first legislative proposal from the EU Commission is not expected before early 2027.

Due to their unique chemical properties, PFAS are used in numerous industries, including in our products, for example, as cable sheathing and conductor insulation. We are closely monitoring the development of PFAS regulations and are already assessing and classifying components, parts, and end products.

Since PFAS can also be used as processing aids in external manufacturing processes and may therefore be present in the final product without being immediately apparent, we must examine our supply chains before making definitive statements. We conduct our research to the best of our knowledge and with due diligence. Our information is based on supplier data, and we reserve the right to modify this statement in the event of changes by our suppliers. We will continue to evaluate the materials used in our processes and monitor regulatory updates regarding PFAS in accordance with regional, national, and regulatory requirements. If we identify any potential impacts on our product portfolio at a later stage, we will inform you of any significant changes.

We are also observing the efforts of our suppliers regarding potential substitutions

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