

Date
10.07.2023**Declaration of compliance
PFAS – EU regulations on chemicals**

PTFE (polyteratrafluoroethylene) is used very successfully because of its high resistance to environmental influences. Teflon® belongs to the group of organic fluorine compounds (PFC), substances that have special properties due to fluorine-carbon bonds. This bond hardly occurs in nature, it is enormously stable and resists any biological degradation. PFC belongs to the group of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS). The use of PFASs is severely restricted throughout the EU, or rather precursors for a large number of applications have been terminated and more are to be expected.

ECHA's Scientific Committees on Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) determined in March 2023 that the proposed restriction meets the legal requirements of the European chemicals regulation "REACH". Now the committees will start the scientific evaluation of the proposal. In this context, a public consultation will run from March 22, 2023. The consultation will run for six months and close on 25.09.2023. All stakeholders are invited to contribute their comments and further information. Information on risks and socio-economic aspects regarding the use of PFAS as well as PFAS-free alternatives are of particular interest. All documents and the status of the procedure can be viewed on the [ECHA website](https://echa.europa.eu).

The chemical industry, industry and processors of these substances are working intensively on solutions to be able to produce PFAS-free gaskets. We assume that results will be presented in the next few months to enable PFAS-free gaskets to be manufactured.

As soon as we obtain new information on this subject, you will be informed here.

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