

Meeting 3M; phasing out of PFAS
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Minutes

Participants

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3M presented their strategy to phase out PFAS completely, as announced in December 2022. The decision was driven by the regulatory landscape in both US and Europe. . 3M decided to phase out PFAS and to concentrate on the other parts of the portfolio, of which PFAS only contributes for 4-5%. 3M will respect the contracts with their customers that last until 2025. 3M announced their decision to their customers at the same time as they communicated publicly.

3 M will not focus on “essential uses” of PFAS, given the very low scale of PFAS in the company’s portfolio.

3M plans to invest in R&D, work closely with academia, substitution centres and other companies, in order to find non-fluorinated alternatives.

3M sees the green transition (both in EU and in US) as main investment opportunity. 3M production mostly follows their customers, 60-70% of the production is intended for the regional market. Therefore, 3M will continue to invest in the EU.

3M is currently assessing the impacts of the CLP revision, particularly as regards endocrine disruptors and mobility criteria.

3M expressed support for an ambitious regulatory landscape for all companies, necessary to achieve a level playing field, and underlined the importance of predictability.