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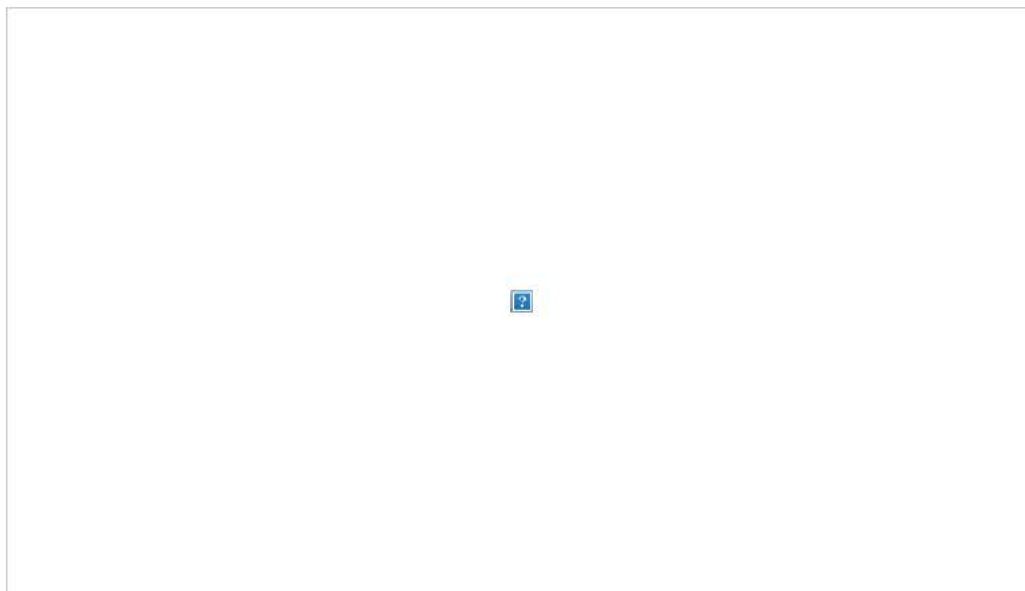
Thanks, now it is clear. I guess that the brief profile is available only for registered substances.

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I think you did it correctly, this page is indeed the one to start with. When you run the search from this page, you have one or several results and a column called "BP" on the right. If you click on the blue BP icon corresponding to the substance you reach its brief profile if there is one:

Step 1: search the substance in <https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>, then click on the blue BP icon



Which leads to the brief profile page (e.g. <https://echa.europa.eu/brief-profile/-/briefprofile/100.117.634>)



For N-Methylperfluorobutanesulfonamide, we can see that the only registrant is... 3M Belgium

Best regards,

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From: ■ <■>
Sent: 11 October 2021 15:28
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Many thanks ■ for the quick feedback, I received the attachment.

I think I was doing the search in the wrong way: I was searching from this page

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

How do you arrive to the "brief profile"? After so many years, the ECHA website is still full of secrets for me ☺.

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From: ■ <■>
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I'm resending my email because I notice that the attachment is 11Mb and might not reach you. Eurofeu's comment I refer to below in comment #2983 to the PFHxA restriction Annex XV report; available in RCOM Part 2 at <https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e18323a25d>

Best regards,

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From: ■ <■>
Sent: 11 October 2021 14:53
To: ■ <■>
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Subject: RE: PQ on FBSA (perfluorobutyl sulfonamide)

Dear ■

In Wood's report, I see that N-Methylperfluorobutanesulfonamide is mentioned (also shortnamed FBSA; CAS 68298-12-4) but not perfluorobutyl sulfonamide as such (CAS 30334-691). Regarding this compound category ("Derivates of perfluoroalkyl sulfonic PFAS") Wood mentioned *"However, in most cases, these substances were not found when the actual foam was tested but rather when environmental samples were tested. In addition, some of the substances are also known to be environmental transformation products. Other substances are raw materials for surfactant and surface protection products (EtFOSE and N-MeFOSE) (Buck et al. 2011)."*

Considering also that FBSA is a C4 substance and that industry has been claiming that they have been only using C8 in the past and now C6 (see e.g. Eurofeu comment attached, page 4) I would assume that FBSA is either an impurity or a degradation product.

Regarding the name of the registrants, yes they are available on ECHA's website. If you look at the brief profile of a registered substance, e.g. [benzene](#), you have a section with the list of registrants, see screenshot below. I'm not sure though if there is a possibility for registrants to claim confidentiality on this item. In any case, ECHA has access to this confidential information.

Hope this help,

Best regards,

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From: ■ <■>

Sent: 11 October 2021 13:16

To: ■ <■> ■ <■>

Subject: RE: PQ on FBSA (perfluorobutyl sulfonamide)

Sorry, another question: the names of registrants are not publicly available on ECHA's website, isn't it? But you can see them as part of the confidential information in the registration dossier? I know there was discussion on making the name of registrants publicly available, but I do not remember how that ended.

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Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 11:53 AM

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Subject: PQ on FBSA (perfluorobutyl sulfonamide)

Dear both

We have received two Parliamentary questions on FBSA, after 3M admitted to have discharged it into the water of the river Schelde. I've looked at the ECHA database and it is not registered. It is mentioned in the study on fire-fighting foams as a possible degradation product. I would then assume that it is not intentionally used but is found in the environment as degradation product (potentially from the use in AFFFs). I'm wondering if it could also be present as an impurity.

Would you agree with this?

Thanks

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