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Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 12:00 PM
To: CAB SIMSON CONTACT; CAB DOMBROVSKIS CONTACT; CAB SINKEVICIUS CONTACT; CAB WOJCIECHOWSKI CONTACT
Subject: Dear Commissioners - Time to Deal With PFAS

Dear Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Dombrovskis, Commissioner Sinkevicius, Commissioner Wojciechowski

My name is [REDACTED], former [REDACTED] and a member of the [REDACTED]. Today I work for the organization-Svenskt Vatten: Swedish water and wastewater association. Svensk vatten is a member of EurEau European Union of National Association of Water Supplies. I have started to contact all EU-commissioners in this urgent matter-Please make restrictions and a ban on PFAS following the proposal presented by Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Norway to ECHA in februari 2023. The proposal will be evaluated in q1-q2 2024 and presented for the commission in summer 2024. We are greatly concerned that there will be setbacks in this matter-Chemical industry is on the move with a lot of spending in Euros to withdraw the proposal. That would be a big mistake since there are more than 17 000 PFAS-polluted Hotspots in Europe and in Sweden the supreme court has decided that population in the village of Kallinge has right to compensation after they have been poisoned by PFAS via the drinkingwater caused by the Swedish airforce firefighters usage of fire foam, and in Belgium a similar pollution has been detected in Wallonia caused by Nato-forces, a big, current scandal in media and of course for the population. We are eager to find support in the commission – It's a matter of trust and health safety for the European population. Every citizen must have the right to Clean-PFAS-free Drinking Water. I will be contacting you soon again.
['Forever pollution': Explore the map of Europe's PFAS contamination \(lemonde.fr\)](https://www.lemonde.fr/en/europe/article/2023/12/13/forever-pollution-explore-the-map-of-europes-pfas-contamination_1811111_1023.html)

ECHA publishes PFAS restriction proposal
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The details of the proposed restriction of around 10 000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) are now available on ECHA's website. ECHA's scientific committees will now start evaluating the proposal in terms of the risks to people and the environment, and the impacts on society.

Helsinki, 7 February 2023 – The proposal was prepared by authorities in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden and submitted to ECHA on 13 January 2023. It aims to reduce PFAS emissions into the environment and make products and processes safer for people.

All PFASs in the scope of the proposal are very persistent in the environment. If their releases are not minimised, people, plants and animals will be increasingly exposed, and without a restriction, such levels will be reached that have negative effects on people's health and the environment. The authorities estimate that around 4.4 million tonnes of PFASs would end up in the environment over the next 30 years unless action is taken.

Peter van der Zandt, ECHA's Director for Risk Assessment said: "This landmark proposal by the five authorities supports the ambitions of the EU's Chemicals Strategy and the Zero Pollution action plan. Now, our scientific committees will start their evaluation and opinion forming. While the evaluation of such a broad proposal with thousands of substances, and many uses, will be challenging, we are ready."

Next steps

ECHA's scientific committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) will check that the proposal meets the legal requirements of REACH in their meetings in March 2023. If it does, the committees will begin their scientific evaluation of the proposal. A six-month consultation is planned to start on 22 March 2023.

RAC will form an opinion on whether the proposed restriction is appropriate in reducing the risks to people's health and the environment, while SEAC's opinion will be on the socio-economic impacts, i.e. benefits and costs to society, associated with the proposal. Both committees form their opinions based on the information in the restriction proposal and the comments received during consultations. The committees also consider advice from the Enforcement Forum on the enforceability of the proposed restriction. Once the opinions are adopted, they will be sent to the European Commission who, together with the EU Member States, will then decide on the potential restriction.

An online information session will be organised on 5 April 2023 to explain the restriction process and to help those interested in participating in the consultation.

Best regards.



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