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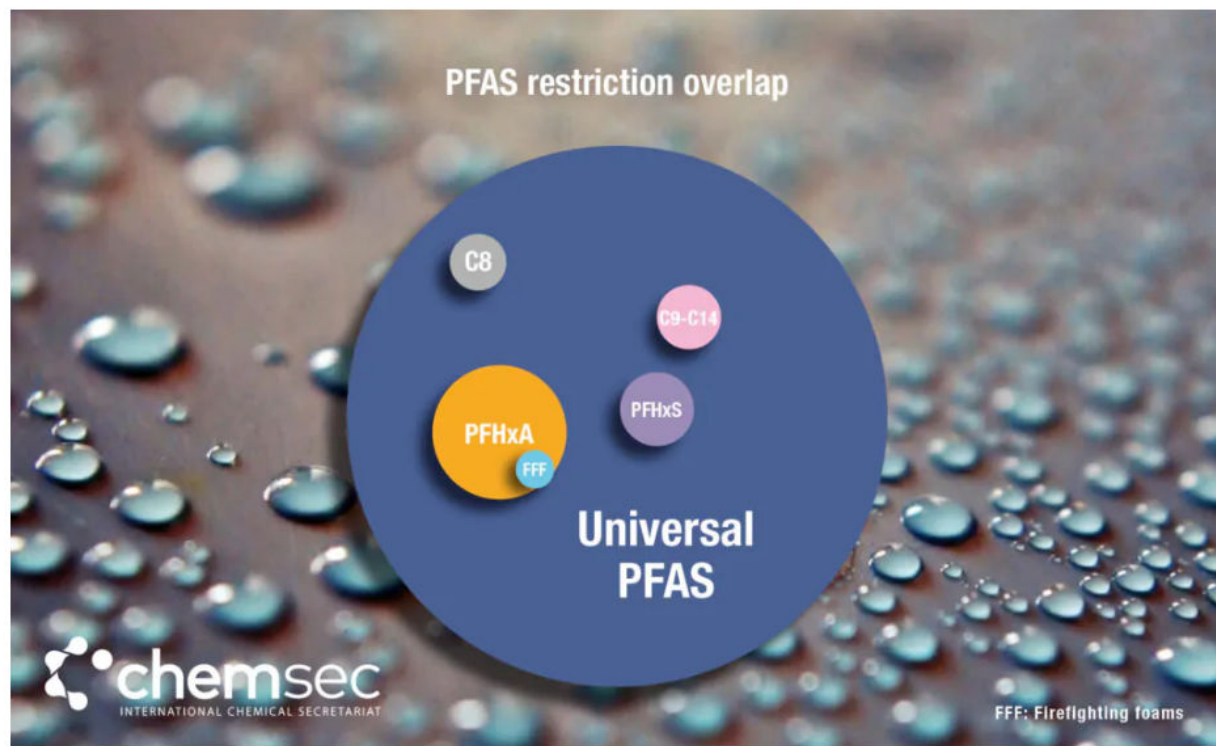
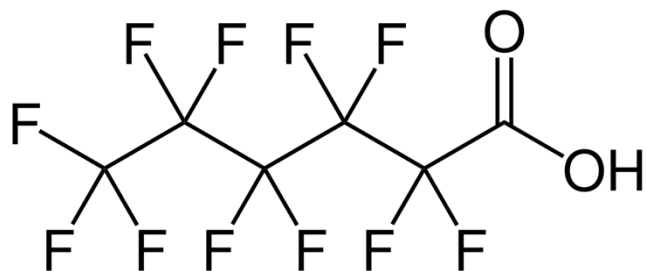
PFHxA restriction dossier

Background

- ▶ Annex XV Dossier submitted by Germany in 2019
- ▶ Public consultation 25/03/2020 - 25/09/2020
- ▶ Delay in Scientific Opinion making due to uncertainties on the risk assessment approach
- ▶ Final Background Document and Opinions published in December 2021
- ▶ Delayed several times at REACH Cee
- ▶ First Commission draft proposal for REACH Cee of 22/06/2023

Scope

- ▶ Undecafluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA), its salts and related substances
- ▶ Indicative list of substances has been provided by ECHA:
<https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/7da473c1-7f27-df34-9e6a-46152ef10d4b>
- ▶ DE proposal: Broad restriction with targeted (temporary) exemptions
- ▶ Linked with other PFAS restrictions →



COM proposal

- ▶ Targeted scope in stead of broad approach, only covering following uses:
 - ▶ **Textiles**, leather, furs and hides in **clothing and related accessories** for the general public (2-year transition)
 - ▶ **Footwear** for the general public
 - ▶ **paper and cardboard used as food contact materials** within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 (2-year transition)
 - ▶ **Mixtures** for the general public (2-year transition)
 - ▶ **Cosmetic products** as defined in Article 2(1), point (a), of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009. (2-year transition)
 - ▶ **Non clothing consumer textiles** (3-year transition)
 - ▶ **Fire fighting foams**
 - ▶ Training and testing (18 months)
 - ▶ Municipal fire services (18 months)
 - ▶ Civil aviation (5 years)

Concentration limits:

25 ppb for sum of PFHxA

1000 ppb for sum of related substances

→ in line with other PFAS restrictions

First impressions

- ▶ Not an ambitious proposal
 - ▶ Targeted instead of broad scope is very limited
 - ▶ Not in line with Dossier and Scientific Opinions
 - ▶ Not in line with CSS ambitions
- ▶ New information not taken into account
 - ▶ Opinions of RAC and SEAC have been finalized for PFAS in AFFF → could be used for this restriction proposal
- ▶ Reporting provisions have been removed
- ▶ Main reasoning COM:
 - ▶ RAC and SEAC could not conclude on many uses due to “inconsistencies” in the Dossier
 - ▶ Therefore opted to only target uses for which emissions and risks are certain

Next steps

- ▶ Coordinate BE input and position via the BCR
 - ▶ Try and add other targeted uses that were assessed by the DS and Scientific Committees (fire-fighting, other paper and board, professional textiles, etc.)
 - ▶ Try and have additional provisions added (reporting, RMM)
- ▶ Contact other Member States to discuss the proposal (REACH-up?)
- ▶ Possible timeline:
 - ▶ Submit BE written input by September 1st
 - ▶ October 2023 REACH Cee meeting: Second discussion on the dossier
 - ▶ December 2023 REACH Cee meeting: Final discussion and vote if possible

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