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Subject: RE: PFOA
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Dear [REDACTED],

Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to your email of 13 May.

In response to your question: PFOA has not been included in the candidate list (Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) 1907/2006) and no proposal has been made to this regard.

However, Germany and Norway have submitted in December 2014 a proposal for a restriction on the manufacture, the placing on the market and use of PFOA, its salts and related substances. The Committees for Risk Assessment and Socio-Economic Analysis of the Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have delivered their opinion on this proposal in December 2015.

The opinion is available on ECHA's website here:

http://www.echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13641/rest_pfoa_compiled_opinions_en.pdf

It contains a proposal for a 15 year deferral period for the application of the restriction for non-implantable medical devices. This should allow manufacturers of such products time for changing to alternatives.

Please note that, since this is a restriction, there will be no possibility to obtain an authorisation for continued use after the deferral period has expired.

The European Commission is currently preparing a draft Regulation for the restriction. We expect the draft to be discussed at REACH Committee meeting coming September or October.

The Regulation could be published in the first half of 2017.

The European Commission is also preparing a proposal to include PFOA in the annex to the so-called Stockholm Convention.

Inclusion would have the effect of a global restriction rather than just in the EU alone.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further question.

Kind regards,
REACH Unit

Cordialement / Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]@diasource.be]
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 2:49 PM
To: COMM REP BRU
Subject: PFOA

Dear,

We are an in vitro diagnostic company located in Belgium, Louvain-La-Neuve, and we are concerned about the status of PFOA . We use PFOA in some of our products.

I read that PFOA is considered as a substance of very high concern. Does this mean PFOA is already on the Authorization list or is it still on the candidate list? Can we apply to get authorization to still use PFOA?

Can you please give me an update on the status?
You can reply in Dutch or French if that's easier.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Kind regards,

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