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Dear [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message and submission of the information below-

Currently, ECHA's committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) are evaluating the proposed restriction on PFAS, including the information received during third party consultation. Please note that the consultation period for the broad PFAS restriction proposal (Annex XV restriction report) was launched on March 22nd and ran for 6 months until September 25th 2023. Unfortunately, after the September 25th deadline, ECHA will not consider any new comments (or statements) submitted unless specifically requested by the Committees. If this is the case, we will contact your organisation and let you know which information is of the interest to the Committees and how to submit it.

However, according to the standard procedure for developing scientific opinions on REACH restriction proposals, a 60-days third party consultation period for the draft SEAC opinion will start after RAC has adopted its opinion and SEAC has agreed its draft opinion on the proposed restriction. Unfortunately, timelines for RAC's and SEAC's discussions on the opinion are not yet available for all sectors, and therefore an exact date for the SEAC consultation has not yet been defined. More information about the committees' plans to evaluate the remaining sectors and about the next procedural steps will be announced as work advances. The next update is expected after the upcoming plenaries in June.

To stay up to date with the latest developments, please consult ECHA's dedicated page on PFAS at <https://echa.europa.eu/hot-topics/perfluoroalkyl-chemicals-pfas>

Best regards,
[REDACTED] on behalf of the universal PFAS restriction team

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Dear [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

It is my great pleasure to share with you our "Joint Statement on PFAS," which we have prepared together with the fellow European Research and Technology Organizations (RTOs) RISE, TECNALIA, TNO, and VTT in the context of the current proposal to restrict PFAS in the European Union.

RTOs play a key role in strengthening the competitiveness of European industry in global markets. They collaborate with industry, academia, and government to solve complex challenges, transfer scientific knowledge to industry and society, and develop innovative products, processes or services.

In our "Joint Statement," we welcome the PFAS restriction proposal, given the undisputed environmental and toxicological hazards of many PFAS. At the same time, we highlight the challenges associated with a restriction, particularly in the context of the green transition and the role PFAS play in a wide range of crucial industries. To address these challenges, our recommendations include the following key aspects:

- Foster research and development of alternatives
- Place strategic focus on substitution material research, demand reduction, closed-loop approaches
- Incentivize PFAS-free leading industries in Europe

We, the European RTOS, stand ready to support regulators with independent advice or verification. Our statement is available here: [Joint Statement on PFAS](#).

My colleagues and I would be pleased to provide further details on our position and look forward to a fruitful discussion.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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