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Subject: EEB's explainer report on the universal PFAS restriction
Attachments: uPFAS restriction 10-page explainer.pdf

Dear all,

For the last couple of months, the “universal PFAS restriction” has been in many people’s mouth and mind. But what is it really? How is it supposed to work? What does the legal process look like? What are the main elements of the restriction?

To answer these questions, EEB published a **10-page explainer report** on the uPFAS restriction (also attached), trying to make it easily digestible for anyone interested in the topic.

I have attached the report, and it is also available in our library: <https://eeb.org/library/the-universal-pfas-restriction/>.

We have advertised the publication on

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https://twitter.com/Green_Europe/status/1654040667205808128

and

LinkedIn

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/european-environmental-bureau_foreverchemicals-pfas-reach-activity-7059806566505435136-DrLU?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Here is a **short description**:

PFAS – or forever chemicals – are receiving increased attention in the media and in the policy-making sphere because of numerous pollution scandals and public health issues, as well as calls for bold action from scientists, policymakers, and environmental organisations.

On 7th February the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published the “universal PFAS restriction dossier” (“uPFAS”), paving the way for a broad ban of PFAS under the EU’s chemical regulation, REACH.

The dossier is impressive and of unprecedented ambition, and its technical and procedural aspects can be daunting. We try to shed light on these to make the 2000-page document more palatable and to provide a rough structure to guide the reader.

Moreover, REACH restrictions follow complex processes with uncertain timing and speculative outcome. Here we attempt a brief explanation of the logic.

I hope you will find this report useful – please don’t hesitate to share it with others.

Of course, if you notice something that appears wrong to you in the report, please let me know.

Best wishes,

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