



Upcoming: December, 2022

# PFAS: The challenge for highly regulated and essential sectors

Dear attendee,

Over the last few years, PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) have become a global concern and a priority under the European Union's Green Deal goal to achieve a Toxic-Free environment. PFAS have gathered momentum due to their widespread use and specific properties which make them extremely persistent in the environment and present in water systems all over the world. Many developed countries have already or are taking actions to set strict(er) safety values for all or the most harmful PFAS substances in water and to restrict uses of certain PFAS. Within the EU, the next action involves a restriction proposal, currently developed for most uses of more than 4,000 PFASs by the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. It is expected to be submitted to ECHA by January 2023.

Restricting PFAS effectively is far from easy. Challenges in the implementation of PFAS regulations find opposition from PFAS producers and users, political objections, economic challenges, and a lack of consensus as to its grouping and scientific-based hazard qualification.

An intense debate between EU institutions, academia, civil society and industries is ongoing on how to manage the associated human health and environmental risks whilst ensuring the continued availability of services and products essential to the wellbeing of society.

As time draws closer to this widest restriction proposal to date and the adoption of the revision proposal for the CLP and REACH regulations, we bring forward a dedicated in-person morning event on December \_\_, 2022 in Brussels.

The event, led by \_\_\_\_\_, will host key stakeholders from across the industry and organisations involved and impacted by the forthcoming proposal. The initiative is taken by a number of industry associations and companies that support the purpose of the restriction, have already invested in the search of suitable alternatives but wish to maintain uses that are critical for the society, with a focus on human and veterinary medicinal products.

# Details

Among the questions to be debated in our interactive session are:

- Are all PFASs having the same harmful effects on the environment?
- What is the most effective means to dramatically reduce the production and use of harmful PFAS overall without jeopardizing essential uses of PFAS?
- How does strict EU sectoral legislation deal with substances of concern such as PFAS and what extra would the restriction achieve for these sectors?
- What can be done to speed up substitution?
- What are the main challenges to finding alternatives in these sectors and how can we manage cases where there are none at present?
- What may be the impact for essential applications if a wider restriction with a broad definition goes through?

To register, please [click here](#)

We hope to welcome you to this event to share your views and be part of the discussion.

# Speakers

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# Agenda

- 08:45** Welcome Coffee and Registration
- 09:15** Setting the stage: Opening words by host on the current status of EU Green Deal and PFAS & intro of Speakers
- 09:25** Panel Debate
- 10:25** Common points and concluding words on the PFAS challenge and opportunities ahead