

To whom it may concern

Re.: Statement on European PFAS activities

The intention of this statement is to provide information on the KDT point of view concerning the EU PFAS activities.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) is a very large group of chemical substances (about 4.700). The EU PFAS initiative, in the first place, intends the ban of harmful small molecule fluorinated substances. From a Health and Environmental point of view, this totally makes sense and KDT supports this basic approach.

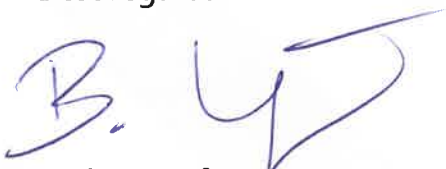
Unfortunately, the actual draft covers ALL Per- and Polyfluorinated substances, hence PTFE as well. It is common and proven knowledge that PTFE is of no harm to human health and for that reason used for e.g. a lot of medical products. Therefore, we strongly believe that the fact that PTFE falls under the scope of the actual PFAS draft is not in line with the basic intention of this regulation draft.

The procedure for transforming this initiative into EU law implies the involvement of all stakeholders. Within the framework of such a "call for evidence", KDT has already commented and argued in favour of fluoropolymers.

Not only that a ban of PTFE would not in general help with a reduction on small molecule fluorinated substances emission but also it would have an enormous negative impact on e.g. the medical equipment sector. Furthermore, it is clear to everybody that without PTFE as a raw material for the sealing sector, it will be impossible to achieve all ambitious goals for reduction of GHG emission already set by the EU. We believe that future sealing/emission goals are depending on PTFE.

For these reasons, we are convinced that PTFE will not be banned in future. KDT is constantly monitoring latest developments related to this initiative and is in close and permanent touch with its PTFE suppliers and several associations.

Best regards



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