**Proposal for letter/email to suppliers about PFAS**

Dear [*supplier*],

At [*company name*], we strive to be at the forefront of upcoming EU legal requirements to restrict the use of PFAS, which is expected to be adopted in 2025. Therefore, we ask you to inform us whether [*the product*]" contains PFAS.

Some PFAS are already banned or restricted in the EU, including PFOS, PFOA and C9-C14 PFCA, but all other PFAS are in scope of being banned in the new EU restriction proposal. PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are defined as all chemical substances that contain at least one perfluorinated methyl group (-CF3) or one polyfluorinated methylene group (-CF2-).

PFAS are typically used due to their water- and dirt-repellent properties. PFAS can be included in the product material (e.g. in a waterproof membrane), used in finishing (e.g. Durable Water Repellency treatment) and/or used as auxiliary substances in production. If you do not know whether the "product" contains PFAS, please ask your suppliers if they use PFAS.

If the product is PFAS-free, please provide us with the name and/or CAS number of the substance that provides the water- and dirt-repellent property. Alternatively, you can state whether the substance contains a CF2 or CF3 group.

See the PFAS restriction proposal here: <https://echa.europa.eu/da/restrictions-under-consideration/-/substance-rev/72301/term>

Please, reply in writing before [*dd.mm.yyyy*].

Best regards,

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