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Subject: **Restriction per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)**

PFAS compounds have been the subject of discussions and studies for years due to their toxicity and environmental impact.

PFAS stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are used as fluorinated compounds in many products and industrial applications including coatings, sealants, hoses, etc.

These PFASs are used in tens of thousands of products. However, once released, they remain in the environment for decades due to their extraordinary chemical stability and can have harmful effects on humans and the environment.

At present, only a fraction of these PFAS (e.g., PFOS, PFOA) are regulated by law in Europe.

According to annual enquiries with our suppliers, there are currently no PFAS compounds in HellermannTyton products that are prohibited by law or require declaration.

Since March 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has been undergoing a six-month consultation on a proposal to restrict further PFAS.

Only then will we have certainty as to how to proceed and with which further PFAS ingredients.

To what extent PFAS ingredients in our articles are affected that will be subject to new legal regulations will be researched by us together with our suppliers in the coming months.

We will continue to observe the development regarding PFAS, wait for the decisions of the ECHA and react accordingly in order to remain legally compliant.

If you have any further questions on this issue, please contact me.
Thank you for your business,



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