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Quick news: EU updates PFAS restriction proposal

On August 20, 2025, the five authorities of Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden completed their review of over 5,600 scientific and technical comments received during the 2023 consultation and updated their initial PFAS restriction proposal accordingly. This updated proposal, compiled into a "background document," will serve as the basis for the ECHA committee's opinion and may be further adjusted based on the committee's evaluation.

The five authorities have, among other things, identified and carried out assessments for eight sectors that were not specifically named in the initial proposal. These sectors are:

- printing applications;
- sealing applications;
- machinery applications;
- other medical applications, such as immediate packaging and excipients for pharmaceuticals;
- military applications;
- explosives;
- technical textiles; and
- broader industrial uses, such as solvents and catalysts.

In addition, the authorities have evaluated alternatives to a complete ban or limited exemptions, such as allowing some PFAS to continue to be produced, sold or used, provided that the risks can be controlled. The authorities have evaluated alternatives for the following applications:

- PFAS manufacturing;
- transport;
- electronics and semiconductors;
- energy;
- sealing applications;
- machinery applications; and
- technical textiles.

Background on the EU PFAS restriction proposal:

The EU proposal to restrict PFAS was developed by authorities from Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden. It was submitted to ECHA on January 13, 2023. It aims to reduce the environmental impact of PFAS emissions and make products and processes safer for people. The six-month consultation period runs from March 22 to September 25, 2023.

Original link: <https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-publishes-updated-pfas-restriction-proposal>

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