



**GMN Paul Müller Industrie GmbH & Co. KG**

## **GMN Paul Müller Industrie GmbH & CO KG customer information on the topic of PFAS**

In February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published a proposal to prohibit the manufacture, use and placing on the market (including importing) of at least 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The proposed ban was drawn up by the authorities in Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden in the context of the EU chemical regulation REACH. The goal of the ban is to reduce drastically the release of PFAS into the environment. [Source: German Federal Environmental Agency]

On September 25, 2023, the six-month public consultation period ended, during which all stakeholders had the opportunity to provide ECHA with further information regarding the impact of a potential PFAS ban. Over 4,400 organizations, companies and individuals took advantage of this opportunity, submitting more than 5,600 comments and supplementary information related to the restriction proposal. A scientific assessment by the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and the Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) is currently underway, taking the submitted information into account.

You will find further information at:  
[ECHA PFAS Restriction Proposal](#)

According to the VDMA, these PFAS are often used in machine and plant manufacture in sealing elements and greases; based on an initial check, these applications also affect some of the products produced by GMN Paul Müller Industrie GmbH & CO KG. We are in close contact with our suppliers, reviewing possible alternative materials and closely monitoring the developments related to the restriction proposal to ensure we remain a reliable partner.

As the decision is still pending, please refrain from requesting lists of PFAS in your GMN products at the moment.

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