

AN EU-WIDE PFAS RESTRICTION THAT PROTECTS HEALTH



PROBLEMS WITH PFAS

- They are everywhere and are accumulating; in our bodies and the environment
- Linked to many health impacts: cancer, thyroid disease, immune dysfunction and hormone disruption
- Europe's annual health costs related to PFAS is estimated at €52-84 billion
- Used in everyday products such as food packaging, non-stick pans, waterproof clothing, cosmetics, paints and pesticides
- Class of over 10,000 chemicals
- 12,5 million Europeans are estimated to be exposed to drinking water polluted by PFAS
- 17,000 sites across Europe are estimated to be contaminated with PFAS

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STRENGTHS OF THE PROPOSAL

Covers over 10,000 substances, including fluoropolymers, to prevent regrettable substitution.

Persistence as a key justification for the restriction.

Burden of proof on industries to obtain derogations for continued use of PFAS.

DEMANDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

1 SET TIME LIMITS:

Time limits imposed for exceptions will ensure a swift transition away from PFAS.

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2 EXPAND SCOPE:

PFAS pesticides and biocides must be included in restriction scope.

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SUPERMARKET

3 LIMIT DIRECT HUMAN EXPOSURE:

Exemptions should not be granted for uses where humans are directly exposed, like food packaging or water pipes.

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4 STANDARDISE REPORTING:

Consistency in reporting industry derogations to reduce risk from PFAS.

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