



NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: Preventing International Trade Barriers TBT - European Commission
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Firefighting foams containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in firefighting foams; (10 page(s), in English), (5 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Regulation would introduce a new entry to Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. It would prohibit the placing on the market and use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foams and in firefighting foams concentrates, including ready-to-use portable fire extinguishers. Specific transitional periods are proposed for different applications. In addition, several measures are introduced to limit the environmental emissions of PFAS from firefighting foams during the transitional period.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: to limit releases of PFAS and prevent its accumulation into the environment, with possible contamination of resources fundamental for human life (such as drinking water) and impacts on human health. ; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation):

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&uri=CELEX:32006R1907>

[Registry of restriction intentions until outcome - ECHA \(europa.eu\)](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: Second quarter of 2025

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. The restriction on the placing on the market and use of firefighting foams containing PFAS specify transitional periods of:

- 12 months for placing on the market of firefighting foams in portable fire extinguishers
- 18 months for placing on the market of alcohol resistant firefighting foams in portable fire extinguishers
- 18 months for its use for training and for testing and for municipal fire services
- until 31 December 2030 for its use in portable fire extinguishers
- 10 years for its use in establishments covered by Directive 2012/18/EU (Seveso sites), for installations belonging to the offshore oil and gas industry, military ships and civil ships already in service.
- 5 years for all others uses such as in civil aviation, new ships and air and land-based defence.

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home>

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