Statement on PFAS Materials

What are PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a broad group of synthetic chemicals that due to their unique properties such as heat/flame resistance, chemical resistance, water oil and dirt repellence, etc. are used in a wide range of applications.

Recent developments

On November 20, 2024, the RAC and SEAC committees of ECHA, together with the five dossier-submitting states, provided an update on the proposed PFAS ban. After evaluating more than 5,600 technical and scientific comments, some fluoropolymer manufacturers expressed concerns about the proposed ban before equivalent alternatives are available, and plead instead for an exemption for fluoropolymers, as this group does not pose the same health or environmental concerns as is the case for PFOS and PFOA. Some manufacturers also raised concerns about the lack of evidence supporting the proposed restrictions.

PFAS used in our products

According to the supplier information currently available to us, some of our products contain components such as O-rings, PVC cables, shrinking tubes, lining material, and so on, that consist of fluoropolymers such as PTFE, PFA, FKM, or FPM. According to the EU PFAS Initiative, these fluoropolymers are directly affected. We are currently unable to provide precise information on the concentrations of these substances in our product portfolio.

What next?

Kobold Messring GmbH will continue to monitor ECHA's future decisions regarding the proposed ban, and take appropriate steps to address potential health and environmental impacts caused by PFAS substances. Simultaneously, we are committed to identifying PFAS substances in our supply chain and working with our suppliers to find suitable alternatives.

At present, ECHA has defined neither a complete nor a partial ban on the PFAS group. This makes it extremely challenging to obtain the required information to determine future actions. Therefore, due to these circumstances, it is currently not possible for us to issue a binding PFAS declaration for our products.

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