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## Declaration regarding PFAS and related substances

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a large class of thousands of synthetic chemicals, are used in numerous applications, including Textile, food contact materials, cosmetics, lubricants, Electronic and semiconductors and also in their production as solvent or in equipments, due to their unique properties, like heat and flame resistance, chemical resistance, water repellency, oil and dirt repellency, lubricity, low off-gassing, etc.

On 7 February 2023, ECHA (European Chemical Agency) made PFAS restriction proposal available on its website under REACH, which was submitted by Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden authorities because of PFAS' very high persistence in environment and also Bioaccumulation. On 26 September 2023, a six-month public consultation ended with more than 5600 comments received from 4400 organizations, companies and individual world widely. Some fluoropolymer manufacturers declared that a full ban would be a problem before equivalent alternatives were available, and hope an exemption for Fluoropolymers because they won't bring as equal health or environmental problems as PFOS, PFOA. Some comments said the Proposed Restriction was lacking evidence. For further process that a proposal becomes a restriction, ECHA will review all comments to develop its scientific opinion, and deliver it to European Commission. A final ban will enter into force after 18 months transition period or with specified timeframe. On 13 November 2023, US EPA finalized PFAS reporting requirements under TSCA Section 8(a)(7).

Würth Elektronik eiSos GmbH & Co. KG, as an electronic component manufacturer, is closely following dynamic news of the proposal to seek for alternative for fluoropolymer used in wire, cable, seals, etc., identifying PFAS in components together with suppliers and appropriate analysis, so that we stay prepared to be compliant with upcoming PFAS restrictions.

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