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## To our customers

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## Statement on the planned PFAS ban in the EU

Dear Sir or Madam,

In February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency ECHA proposed a ban on around 10,000 PFA-Substances. The abbreviation PFAS stands for per- and polyfluorinated chemicals. According to the latest estimates, this group of substances thus includes more than 10,000 different substances that do not occur naturally but are chemically produced. Therefore, a public consultation on this topic took place from March 2023 to September 26, 2023, in which manufacturers but also their customers were able to contribute. According to the BDI-Association, the process at the European Chemicals Agency is currently stalling, meaning that the first proposals are not expected until 2026 and restrictions are probably not expected to come into force until 2027/2028.

PFAS are contained in many products, e.g. medical devices, PV systems, fuel cells and measuring devices, in which e.g. rubber seals, cable hoses, adhesives, lubricating oils, etc. These substances are also contained in SIKO products.

We are in close contact with our suppliers in order to remain able to deliver accordingly. We will inform you accordingly as soon as ECHA initiates appropriate measures as a result of the consultation and the impact on the products supplied to you can be assessed more precisely.

Kind regards

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