



ECHAs update on the REACH restriction on PFAS

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PFAS restriction proposal – overview

- Submitted by NL, DE, DK, SE, NO in January 2023
- Scope:
 - All PFAS (non-degradable)
 - Manufacture and placing on the market
 - All uses (14 sectors assessed in detail)
- Restriction report **consultation**:
 - March – September 2023
 - More than 5 600 comments
- **Updated restriction report**: June 2025
 - Update based on comments from the consultation and Committees' evaluation, including eight additional sectors



Committees' evaluation (1/3) – state of play

- **2 March:** RAC adopted opinion
- **10 March:** SEAC agreed *draft* opinion.
- Opinions include sector-specific evaluations on **PFAS manufacturing + 14 sectors:**
 - Ski wax
 - Cosmetics
 - Consumer mixtures and miscellaneous consumer articles
 - Metal plating and manufacture of metal products
 - Petroleum and mining
 - Food contact materials (FCM) and packaging
 - Textiles, upholstery, leather, apparel, carpets (TULAC)
 - Construction products
 - Applications of fluorinated gases
 - Transport
 - Medical devices
 - Energy
 - Lubricants
 - Electronics and semiconductors



Committees' evaluation (2/3) – state of play

→ **Eight additional sectors** assessed by the dossier submitter based on comments from the restriction report consultation

- Printing applications
- Sealing applications
- Machinery applications
- Other medical applications
- Military applications
- Explosives
- Technical textiles
- Broader industrial uses

→ Committees have taken these into account but did not carry out detailed sector-specific evaluations



Committees' evaluation (3/3) – state of play



- 60-day consultation on SEAC's *draft* opinion concluded **25 May**
- Focus: content of the *draft* opinion
- Covers **full scope** of the proposal
- SEAC final opinion by end 2026

[All Documents available through ECHA CHEM](#)

RAC opinion – conclusions



Confirms **PFAS hazards and risks**, e.g. persistence, bio-accumulation, mobility, certain health issues.



Considers that current regulatory measures are **not sufficient** to control the emissions → further EU-wide restriction is needed.



If **derogations** are eventually granted, they should come with additional risk management measures, including:

- Labelling, safe use and disposal instructions and effective supply chain communication by suppliers
- Site-specific PFAS management plans, to be established by manufacturers and industrial users of PFAS, including monitoring
- Reporting requirements for manufacturers, importers and industrial downstream users



SEAC *draft* opinion – conclusions



Considers a ban with **use-specific derogations** is the most appropriate EU measure to address the identified risks, based on socio-economic proportionality.



Supports RAC on additional risk management measures for derogated uses, but...

- cannot conclude on their proportionality.
- has some concerns about enforceability (guidance might help).

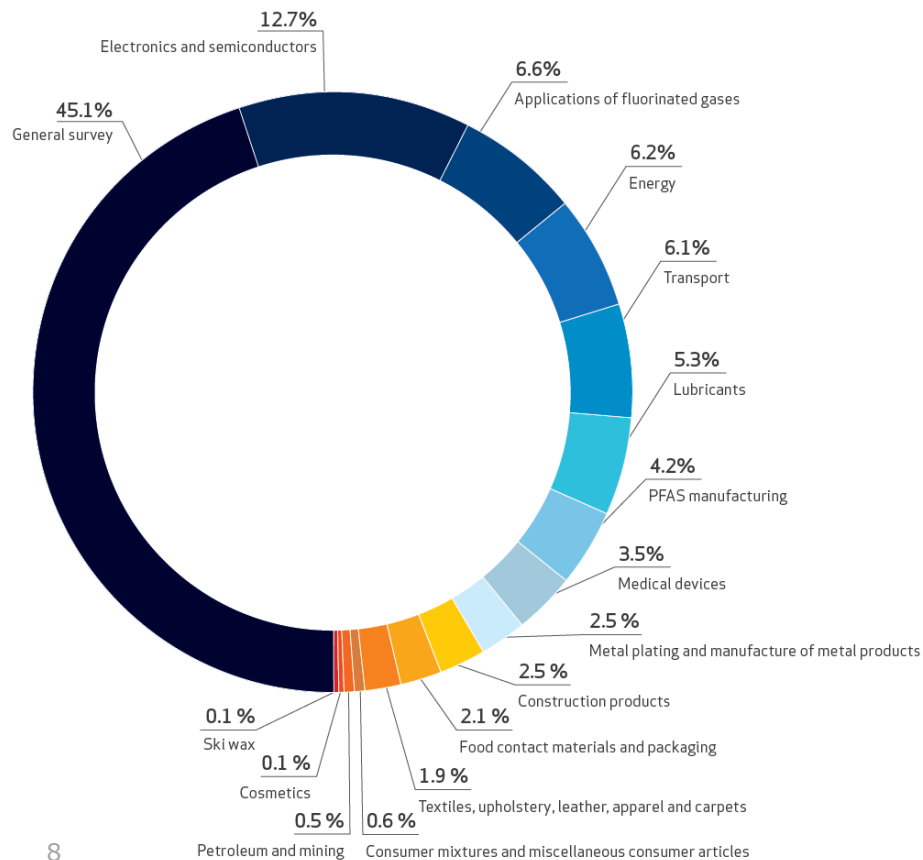


Recommends evaluation of **all uses in eight additional sectors** as soon as possible.

- In the meantime, a time-limited derogation for all uses within those sectors.



SEAC Draft Opinion consultation results

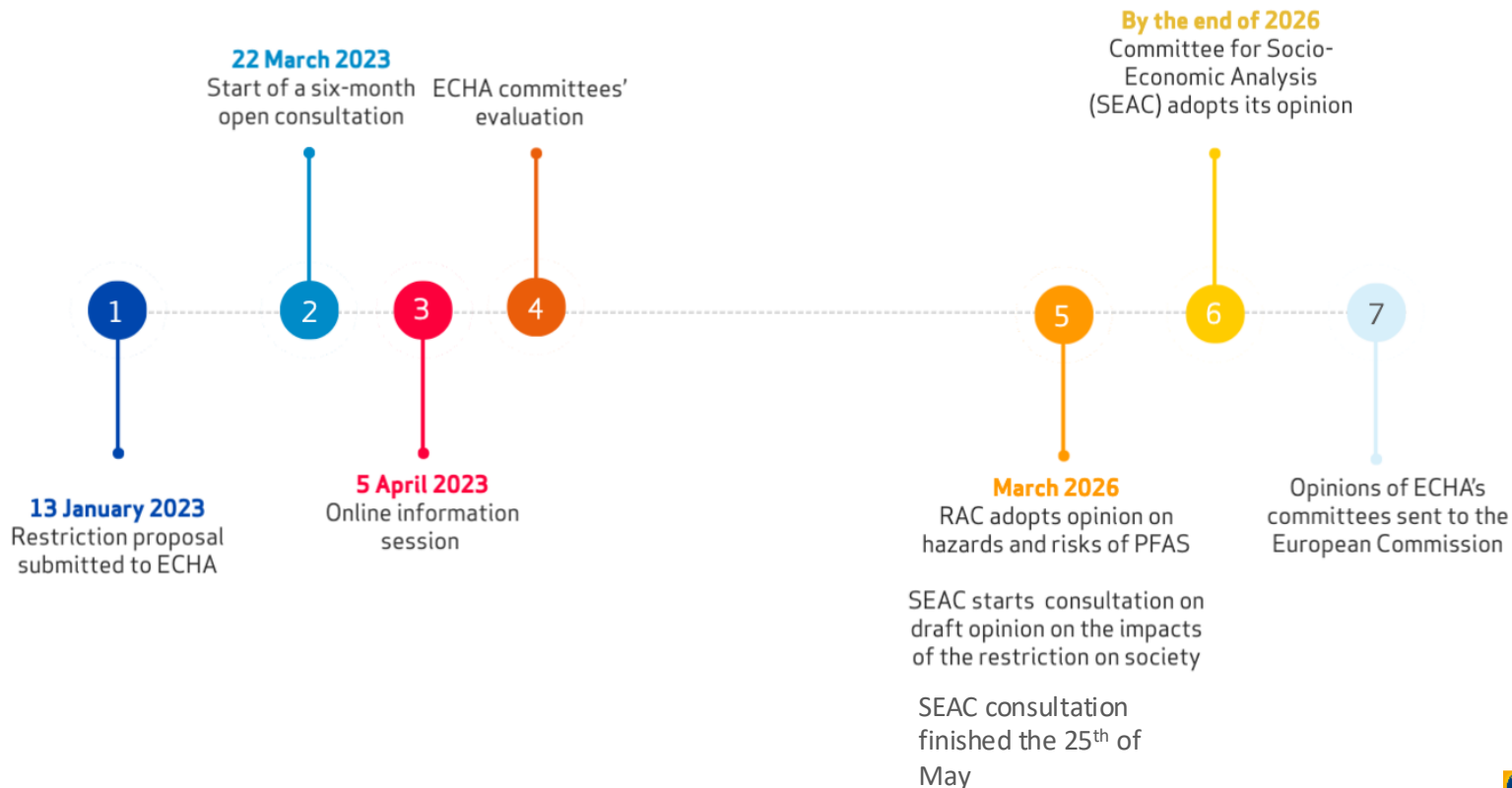


- **3 511 comments** from > 3 200 organisation and 250 individuals
- Comments from 44 countries, e.g.,
 - Germany > 1000
 - Japan ≈ 600
 - Belgium > 400
 - France ≈ 200

Topics of interest for Food Safety Authorities

Topic	Where to find Dossier Submitter's proposal in Background Document	Where to find RAC's and SEAC's evaluation and conclusions
Active substances in PPP products	Section 2.2.3 of the Main report	Section 3.4.2.1.5 and 3.4.3.1.1 of RAC Opinion and 3.4.1 and 3.4.3 of SEAC Draft Opinion
Food contact materials and packaging	'Food contact materials and packaging' sector	RAC's and SEAC's sector-specific evaluation
Sealing applications	'Sealing applications' sector	No sector-specific evaluation by RAC and SEAC
Spare parts	Entry text. Annex E.3.3 of Appendix E.	Section 3.1.2.7 and 3.4.3.1.5.3 of RAC Opinion and 3.4.3.2.5.3 of SEAC Opinion
Recycling	Explanatory notes Main report	Section 3.4.2.1.6 and 3.4.3.1.5.6 of RAC Opinion and 3.4.3.2.5.6 of SEAC Opinion
Starting materials and intermediates	Explanatory notes of Main report	Section 3.4.3.1.5.4 of the RAC Opinion 3.4.2.2.4 of the SEAC Draft Opinion
Scientific Research and Development / Product and Process Related Research and Development	Explanatory notes of Main report	Section 3.4.2.1.7 and 3.4.3.1.5.5 of the RAC Opinion 3.4.2.2.4 of the SEAC Opinion
Additional risk management measures for derogated uses	Section 2.5.1 of Main report and section E.4.1 of Annex E	Section 3.4.2.1.7 and 3.4.3.1.6 of the RAC Opinion and 3.4.3.2.6 of the SEAC Opinion

What happens next in the process?



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