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To our customers

Information on the legal regulations of per- and polyfluorinated chemicals (PFAS) in the European Union and the United States of America

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Dear Sir or Madam

Our reference

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We would like to inform you about the latest developments regarding the regulation of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) in the European Union and the United States.

PFAS are a group of several thousand individual chemicals that have water, soil and grease repellent properties. These stable chemical compounds do not degrade in the environment and accumulate in the human body. Studies show that some PFAS can have harmful effects on human health.

For this reason, many countries are currently discussing restrictions on the use of PFAS. Below you will find further information on the most advanced restriction proposals.

European Union: On 23 March 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) presented a proposal for the fundamental restriction of PFAS. This would apply both to production within the EU and to the import of PFAS end products from non-EU countries. This restriction would affect the use of PFAS in a wide range of industrial products. The original proposal is currently being updated to take account of the comments from the consultation. It is not expected to come into force until 2025 at the earliest.

In the United States: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced measures to regulate PFAS. As a first step, companies must provide information on the substances and their use by 8 May 2025 in accordance with TSCA Section 8(a)(7). Separate regulations apply to manufacturers of products containing PFAS.

It can be assumed that a downstream restriction of various PFAS will take place at this time.

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Due to the far-reaching regulations and the high complexity of the topic, we ask you to familiarise yourself with the emerging PFAS regulations at an early stage, to review the use of PFAS in your products and, wherever possible, to validate alternatives. Please keep us informed of any changes in your supply chain that may result from these new regulations.

We appreciate your co-operation and commitment to compliance with these important regulations.

If you would like to inform us about the use of PFAS or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at material-compliance@festool.com.

Yours faithfully,



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