

## Statement on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

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Dear Madam or Sir,

On 7th February 2023 the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published a restriction proposal of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

(see <https://echa.europa.eu/de/-/echa-publishes-pfas-restriction-proposal>)

Following latest estimates, this group of substances includes more than 10,000 different substances. PFAS are organic compounds which are replacing hydrogen atoms completely (perfluorinated) or partly (polyfluorinated) by fluorine atoms. They are used with a special focus on their water- and fat-repellent characteristics and on their stability and durability (persistence). However, many PFAS are toxic, they are accumulating through the food chain or they are mobile. All PFAS are nearly not or very hardly removable once they are released into the environment.

Some PFAS are already regulated or restricted by the European REACH- and POP regulations. Please also find our actual declarations on our homepage:

<https://www.xbk-kabel.de/en/technical-documents-2/>

The ECHA restriction process covers the entire group of substances. In November 2024, an updated assessment was published. The ECHA scientific committees (RAC & SEAC) continue to analyze the potential impacts of the restriction. A final decision on the ban or further restrictions is expected no earlier than 2025.

### ***Evaluation of our products:***

Following an internal review and assessment of our products and materials we can confirm that all wires and cables delivered by XBK to our clients do not contain any PFAS.

Best regards

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