

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).

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 website:

<https://www.xbk-kabel.de/en/downloads/>

ECHA's restriction process covers the entire group of substances. An updated assessment and classification of PFAS applications was published in November 2025. The opinions of ECHA's scientific committees (RAC & SEAC) were published in March 2026, and the public consultations have now been completed. A final decision on the restriction proposal is expected by the end of 2026. The REACH Committee is expected to discuss and adopt the proposal in 2027.

Evaluation of our products:

Following an internal review and assessment of our products and materials, using information provided by our suppliers, we can confirm that the cables and wires we supply do not contain any PFAS.

Best regards


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