

## INFORMATION

### PFAS – Statement on the intended amendments to the Annex of the REACH Regulation

On 7 February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published details of a proposal to restrict the production, placing on the market and use of around 10,000 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The consultation procedure at the European Commission was concluded on 25/09/2023. As part of the consultation, the ECHA received more than 5,600 comments from over 4,400 organisations, firms and private individuals. The comments are being checked by the scientific Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) at the ECHA, and any comments providing relevant empirical information will be taken into account during the opinion-forming process.

The ECHA will submit its final report to the European Commission as soon as possible and will simultaneously ensure it is adequately verified by the scientific committees. As soon as those committees have adopted their positions, those positions will be made public. Once the political process is complete, there will be a transitional period of 18 months, after which the ban will come into force.

The following SERTO catalogue items contains PFAS:

Material	Product	PFAS
Stainless steel	<b>Unions</b> SO 51124 OR / SOL 51124 OR SO 51194-D-PTFE  <b>Adapters</b> AD HPO 50 / AD HSPO 50  <b>Valves</b> SO NV 51XXX SO CV 53XXX / SOL CV 53BXXX  <b>Ball valves</b> SO BV 58XXX / SOL BV 58XXX / HKM-G  <b>Couplings</b> Q50 / Q51 / S-PHX / S-VHX / S-V25X series	In the basic material for PTFE and FKM sealings – stainless steel as a material is not affected.  In control panel covers for valves as components of dry lubricant.
UHP	<b>Welding nipples</b> with PTFE coating	In the basic material for PTFE – stainless steel as a material is not affected.
Aluminium	<b>Compression ferrules</b> as individual parts or components of unions  <b>Unions</b> SO 11124 OR SO 11124 OR METR SO 11335 OR SO 11345 OR	PTFE as a component of dry lubricant. Aluminium as a material is not affected.

Material	Product	PFAS
Brass	<b>Valves</b> SO NV 41XXX <b>Stopcocks</b> SO BV 48XXX / SO BV 08C00	In the basic material for PFTE sealings – brass as a material is not affected.
PVDF	<b>Unions</b> <b>Valves</b> <b>Stopcocks</b> <b>Couplings</b> <b>Hose nipples</b>	In the basic material PVDF and partially in PFTE and FKM sealings.
PA	<b>Valves</b> SO NV 32XXX SO CV 33B21 <b>Stopcocks</b> SO BV 38A00 / SO BV 38A21	In the basic material for PVDF spindles and in PFTE and FKM sealings.
PTFE	Polytetrafluorethylene pipe	In the basic material PTFE
PVDF	Polyvinylide fluoride pipe	In the basic material PVDF
FEP	Fluorinated ethylene propylene pipe	In the basic material FEP
PFA	Perfluoroalkoxy pipe	In the basic material PFA
Jacoflon	Stainless steel-coated PFTE pipe	In the basic material PTFE and in PFTE and FKM sealings.
Accessories	PTFE strip	In the basic material PTFE
Miscellaneous	SERTO OX and SI services	In lubricants

We will keep you up to date as to any effects and ask that you contact your local supervisory authorities and administrative bodies in order to carefully evaluate the effects of any restrictions for the use of fluoropolymers.

We have provided this information to the best of our knowledge and belief and it is based on information and data which SERTO AG considers reliable based on its current knowledge as well as on the currently applicable regulation. For the time being, nothing will change for you as our customer. You can continue to purchase and use our products as usual, with no restrictions. All the certifications and endorsements we have issued for our products remain valid.

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