

Compliance Confirmation for PFAS (Per- and Polyfluorinated Chemicals)

To our customers

Based on the information available to us from our suppliers and to the best of our knowledge:

The growing awareness of the global PFAS pollution crisis has triggered both increased customer requirements as well as regulatory proposals to restrict the use of PFAS in products and processes.

The ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) aims to reduce PFAS emissions into the environment, to make products and processes safer for humans and the environment.

According to inquiries with our PCB raw material suppliers, some PFAS in circuit boards are contained below 1000 ppm and are therefore currently not reportable according to REACH.

However, there is plenty input from the industry in the ECHA working group, which implies that electronics might be exempted to some extent.

We will be closely monitoring the process and reach out to our customers, if any negative impact for certain technologies can be foreseen.

It is now up to the EU Commission, to submit a formal regulatory proposal. However, we hereby declare that we are closely following the current findings and regulations related to PFAS to be well prepared in the event of a future restriction. In case of changes to existing products, or supplying of new products, we will immediately inform you of any change that we will become aware of, while the regulatory process advances.

Useful Information:

PFAS restriction proposal: <https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-publishes-pfas-restriction-proposal>

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