

PFAS Statement

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As a manufacturer of semiconductor-based products, Swissbit is keeping a very close eye on the discussion surrounding the group of Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals, of which PFOA and PFOS are the most common.

In March 2023, ECHA called for a 6-month public consultation where interested parties could submit information to justify, for example, the inclusion of exemptions in the restriction proposal. Swissbit also participated in this consultation.

Currently, ECHA's scientific committees (Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC)) are carrying out an evidence-based scientific evaluation of the REACH restriction dossier for PFAS. The aim is to deliver transparent, independent, and high-quality opinions as soon as possible, while ensuring a thorough scientific review by the committees as well as the opportunity for third parties to provide input.

The opinion development work will further progress during 2025 and will lead to an opinion of the RAC and a draft opinion of the SEAC. A consultation will be held afterwards on the draft opinion of the SEAC. This will provide an opportunity for all interested third parties to provide relevant information regarding socio economic aspects to be considered in the final SEAC opinion. Swissbit is actively following this development and participates in any survey requiring feedback on upcoming drafts.

Furthermore, Swissbit is actively following the regulation process and timeline regarding a possible complete or partial EU-wide PFAS ban.

Further information and progress updates can be found directly on the ECHA website:

<https://echa.europa.eu/hot-topics/perfluoroalkyl-chemicals-pfas>.

Due to their unique chemical stability PFAS are used in various products of daily life and are industrially manufactured or processed. Often these substances cannot be replaced 1:1 with other substances that are classified as safe. Currently alternatives with similar chemical characteristics are either unknown, rare, or suspected to have similar biological and ecological risks. ECHA's initiative is primarily concerned with minimizing the introduction of the substances into the environment and it can be assumed from today's perspective that exceptions will be defined in the procedure.

Swissbit is aware of environmental hazards, supports the issue of sustainability and strives to reduce critical substances.

We have contacted our suppliers and will continue to monitor them. We have also assessed and classified components and final products and furthermore checked the latest REACH List, as well as TSCA and OECD Substance Lists.

For some components we do see potential alternative materials, but as of now are not in the position to evaluate their applicability. For others there are currently no alternatives available.

Until further notice, our products are supplied with the known properties and materials.



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