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Scientific evaluation of the proposal to restrict per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – Current status

The European Chemical Agency's (ECHA) scientific committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) are currently evaluating the [proposal to restrict PFAS in the EU/EEA](#), alongside comments received during the six-month consultation. This evaluation is being carried out in batches, focusing on the different sectors that may be affected by a potential restriction.

At the same time, the national authorities of Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, who prepared the proposal, are progressively updating their initial report progressively to address the consultation feedback. This updated report, called a Background Document, will be evaluated by the committees and will form the basis for their opinions.

This table below outlines the current status of the evaluation and the committees' upcoming plans for assessing the potential impacts of the restriction across various sectors using PFAS.

As the work of the committees progresses, more sectors will be announced. The table will be updated accordingly.

Sector/Topic	RAC	SEAC
Hazards of PFAS (only RAC)	Discussion: September 2023, March 2024 Provisional conclusions: June 2024	N.A.
General approach to emissions estimation (including waste) (only RAC)	Discussion: June 2024, September 2024	N.A.
General approach to socio-economic analysis (only SEAC)	N.A.	Discussion: March 2024, June 2024 <i>SEAC discussions will continue later, timing to be confirmed.</i>
Consumer mixtures, cosmetics and ski wax	Discussion: March 2024 Provisional conclusions: June 2024	Discussion: March 2024 Provisional conclusions: June 2024
Metal plating	Discussion: June 2024 Provisional conclusions: June 2024	Discussion: June 2024 Provisional conclusions: June 2024
Petroleum and mining	Discussion: September 2024 Provisional conclusions: September 2024	Discussion: September 2024 Provisional conclusions: September 2024

Sector/Topic	RAC	SEAC
Textiles, upholstery, leather, apparel, carpets (TULAC)	Discussion: September 2024, November 2024	Discussion: September 2024, November 2024
Food contact materials and packaging	Discussion: September 2024, November 2024	Discussion: September 2024, November 2024
Construction products	Discussion: <i>scheduled for November 2024</i>	Discussion: <i>scheduled for November 2024</i>
<i>Applications of fluorinated gases</i>	<i>Discussion: scheduled for upcoming meetings in 2025</i>	<i>Discussion: scheduled for upcoming meetings in 2025</i>
<i>Transport</i>	<i>Discussion: scheduled for upcoming meetings in 2025</i>	<i>Discussion: scheduled for upcoming meetings in 2025</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>Discussion: scheduled for upcoming meetings in 2025</i>	<i>Discussion: scheduled for upcoming meetings in 2025</i>

This table will be updated with more sectors as the scientific evaluation work progresses.

The conclusions agreed at RAC and SEAC meetings are **provisional until the committees finalise the evaluation** of the entire restriction proposal (including all sectors of use) and adopt their opinions. These opinions will then be communicated to the public.

ECHA is making every effort to progress opinion making, following the updates made to the proposal by the five national authorities. It will deliver the final opinions to the European Commission in the shortest possible timeframe while ensuring their transparency, independence and high quality.

The final decision on the restriction will be taken by the European Commission together with the EU Member States.

Further information:

- [REACH restrictions process](#)
- [Restriction on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of PFAS](#)
- [Committee for Risk Assessment, RAC](#)
- [Committee for Socio-Economic Assessment, SEAC](#)
- [PFAS topics page](#)
- [Next steps for PFAS restriction proposal](#), news release 13 March 2024