

# PFOA OFFICIALLY REGULATED UNDER POPS REGULATION

**PFOA** and its related substances are widely used in the field of industry and consumer goods due to their special properties of heat resistance, chemical resistance, water repellence and anti-grease, etc. However, PFOA is classified as persistent organic pollutants, which will cause irreversible damage to the environment and human health.

In April 2020, the European Commission has amended Annex I to the EU's Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/1021) to ban PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds. The Regulation (EU) 2020/784 will take effect on July 4, 2020. Meanwhile, the European Commission plans to delete the restriction on PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex XVII to REACH Regulation from July 4, 2020.



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On June 15, 2020, the Official Journal of the European Union delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/784 amending Annex I to Regulation 2019/1021, officially include PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds into Annex I of POPs Regulation. Highlights are listed as following:

SUBSTANCES	REQUIREMENTS
<b>PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PFOA or any of its salts in substances, mixtures or articles <math>\leq 0.025</math> mg/kg</li><li>• Any individual PFOA-related compound or a combination of PFOA-related compounds in substances, mixtures or articles <math>\leq 1</math> mg/kg</li><li>• PFOA-related compounds in a substance to be used as a transported isolated intermediate and fulfilling the strictly controlled conditions set out in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH Regulation) to produce fluorochemicals with a carbon chain equal to or shorter than 6 atoms <math>\leq 20</math> mg/kg. (This exemption shall be reviewed and assessed by the Commission no later than July 5, 2022)</li><li>• PFOA and its salts in PTFE micro-powders produced by ionising irradiation of up to 400 kilo-grays or by thermal degradation as well as in mixtures and articles for industrial and professional uses containing PTFE micro-powders <math>\leq 1</math> mg/kg. (This exemption shall be reviewed and assessed by the Commission no later than July 5, 2022)</li></ul>
<b>Other Exemptions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Set detailed deadlines for certain applications of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds</li><li>2. Exemptions previously included in the Annex XVII to REACH Regulation except those among the specifications in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, shall be effective until December 3, 2020.</li></ol>	

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