

PFAS survey for associations/NGOs/other third parties

Dear participant,

thank you for registering to this survey.

Data use and data safety

The data you are providing will be exclusively used for the purpose of generating a restriction proposal under REACH and will be only disclosed in an aggregated form. No organisation names will be linked to the data provided. As there is a certain need to clarify supply chains under REACH to be able to understand economic effects of a regulatory measure, the data is not anonymised upon your entry. This survey is hosted by Limeservice GmbH Barmbeker Str. 7a, 22303 Hamburg, Germany in accordance with § 9 of the German Federal Data Protection Act.

Using and sharing the questionnaire

The survey is supported by a dynamic questionnaire: Depending on the information you are providing and your answers, there might be specific follow up questions. Therefore, we understand, that it might be necessary that you need to interrupt the completion process to gather more information in your organisation. You can, at any time, interrupt the process and save already filled in data (which is not submitted to us at that time) by using the **“Resume later”-button** on the bottom of each page.

You can also share the link to the survey with other colleagues in your company if you like them to enter additional information. If they follow your link to the survey, they are able to access the survey directly (without further registration). Your colleagues can also save their entries with the **“Resume later”-button** and inform you or other colleagues that they have provided their input.

There is also the option for some questions to use Excel-sheets to upload data that might exceed our database capacity. This might be suitable for you to be able to extract the data in an editable way from standard IT Systems in place in your organisation.

Your feedback

This survey is also a pilot to make better use of IT-supported data collection with regard to regulatory processes such as REACH. It is the aim to minimise the efforts to be taken for completing such a survey and to evaluate the submitted information. Therefore we kindly ask you to give us some feedback on this questionnaire and your experiences with the tool at the end.

We thank you for your contribution.

On behalf of the survey team,

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Any questions regarding this survey? Please contact:

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Chapter 1: Information on the Organisation

Please start by providing some information on your organisation

Choose one of the following answers

Environmental or consumer NGO

Industry association

Scientific research institution

Sector: _____

Please characterise the stakeholders you represent (e.g. number of companies, national, EU-wide, international):

Please write your answer here:

Please give some information, why your organisation is affected by / has interest in the envisaged restriction:

Please write your answer here:

Chapter 2: Relevance of fluorinated compounds

What are the main uses of fluorinated substances in your sector?

Please write your answer here:

Are they used as short chained PFASs (the C4-7 PFASs itself)?

Yes

No

Are they used as polymeric compounds (e.g. fluorotelomers etc.)?

Yes

No

Please indicate (as far as you can), which PFASs are relevant for the sector (you can address different levels, e.g. chemical groups, generic descriptions or list specific Substances by names, CAS-No. etc. Please separate by (,):

Please write your answer here:

Chapter 3: Evaluation of the restriction proposal

How do you evaluate the general need to continue the use of PFASs?

Please write your answer here:

Do you agree with the following statements?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	fully agree	agree	disagree	fully disagree
PFASs are a high risk for the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Uses should be restricted, even if no alternatives are available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PFASs should be restricted in all consumer uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PFASs should be restricted in all professional applications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PFASs should be allowed in very specific applications with high relevance for the society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you agreed or disagreed to one of the statements above, you can now provide arguments for your position (you can e.g. describe applications that might qualify for such exemptions and give further reasoning):

Please write your answer here:

What are main obstacles for substitution of PFASs?

Please write your answer here:

If you want to provide any other aspect in regard to the envisaged restriction proposal, you can provide these aspects in the text box below or upload a document in standard format (word, PDF) below.

Please write your answer here:

Kindly attach the aforementioned documents along with the survey

Feedback

We might have some follow up questions to specify your answers in more detail. Do you agree, that we contact you for a potential follow up interview?

Yes

No

Thank you very much for participating in this survey. We tried to make this survey as efficient and as easy-to-use as possible. However, we still strive for improvement with regard to any future surveys which aim at contributing relevant information to potential restriction proposals under REACH.

In order to identify an improvement potential, we would like to use your feedback to this survey. Please provide your feedback in the text field below.

Please write your answer here:

Thank you for completing this survey.