

Statement on PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) by WM-Kabeltechnik GmbH

Dear Sir or Madam,

The planned restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), commonly referred to as “forever chemicals,” is currently causing uncertainty across many industries. PFAS represent an extremely broad group of substances, estimated to include more than 10,000 individual compounds. These chemicals are used in a wide range of industrial and consumer products due to their heat resistance and chemical stability.

PFAS are widely applied in drive systems and components such as seals, cables, hoses, and cable glands. Products containing insulation materials such as FEP, PTFE, or ETFE may also be affected by future regulations.

At present, the EU restriction process is still in an early stage. There are currently no legally binding definitions of the substances in question, nor are there any exemption rules or implementation timelines. Initial legislative decisions at the European or national level are not expected before the end of 2025.

WM-Kabeltechnik GmbH fundamentally supports the environmental objectives behind the proposed restrictions. However, we would like to emphasize that, due to limited material transparency along the supply chain, we are currently unable to make definitive statements regarding affected products.

We are closely monitoring the regulatory developments and will of course inform you of any relevant changes or impacts on our products as soon as reliable information becomes available.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Albstadt, January 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oleg Toporkov', is written over a horizontal line.

i.A. Oleg Toporkov

Quality Department