

## Statement of Endress+Hauser on Recent EU (European Union) Initiatives on Restricting PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)

Endress+Hauser recognizes the ongoing initiatives regarding restrictions on the use of PFAS due to their negative impact on the environment. There is currently an initiative by a group of countries in the EU REACH framework preparing a restriction intention for the PFAS group of substances.

Endress+Hauser is actively following this development and participates in any survey requiring feedback on upcoming drafts.

We are currently in the assessment and classification of components, parts and final products affected. As many of our purchased goods, like electronic components, may contain such substances without it being obvious, we must scrutinize our supply chain before making clear statements.

For some components we do see potential alternative materials while for others there are currently no alternatives in sight. The broad use of the fluor-carbon based substances is based upon their unique (physico-) chemical stability. Alternative substances with similar (physico-) chemical characteristics are currently unknown, rare, or suspected to have similar biological and ecological risks. Therefor removing the PFAS may be one of the biggest challenges in our industries for decades. With our wide range of products, the process of identifying potential alternatives is a huge and ongoing undertaking we just started recently.

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

Until further notice, our products are supplied with the known properties and materials. Endress+Hauser will do its utmost to continue the excellent service level you are used to.

As such we are convinced, we are well informed and will ensure we stay on top of the topic. It is of our own prime interest to protect our license to operate.

We trust to have been at your service with this information.

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