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amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards perfluorocarboxylic acids containing 9 to 14 carbon atoms in the chain (C9-C14 PFCAs), their salts and related substances

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In Annex XVII, entry 68 is replaced by the following:

'XX. Linear and branched perfluorocarboxylic acids of the formula C_nF_{2n+1} -C(=O)OH where n=8, 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 (C9-C14 PFCAs), including their salts, and any combinations thereof;

Any C9-C14 PFCA-related substance having a perfluoro group with the formula C_nF_{2n+1} - directly attached to another carbon atom, where n=8, 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13, including any combinations thereof;

Any C9-C14 PFCA-related substance having a perfluoro group with the formula C_nF_{2n+1} - that it is not directly attached to another carbon atom, where n=9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 as one of the structural elements, including any combinations thereof.

The following substances are excluded from this designation

- C_nF_{2n+1}-X, where X= F, Cl, or Br where n=9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14, including any combinations thereof:
- C_nF_{2n+1}-C(=O)OX' where n>13 and X'=any group, including salts.

- 1. Shall not be manufactured, or placed on the market as substances on their own from [date-18 months after date of entry into force].
- 2. Shall not, from [date-18 months from entry into force], be used in, or placed on the market in:
 - (a) another substance, as a constituent;
 - (b) a mixture;
 - (c) an article.

except if the concentration in the substance, the mixture, or the article is below 25 ppb for the sum of C9-C14 PFCAs and their salts or 260 ppb for the sum of C9-C14 PFCA-related substances.

- 3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to:
 - (a) the manufacture of a substance where this occurs as an unavoidable by-product of the manufacture of fluorochemicals with a perfluoro carbon chain equal to or shorter than 6 atoms;
 - (b) a substance that is to be used, or is used as a transported isolated intermediate, provided that the conditions in points (a) to (f) of Article 18(4) of this Regulation are met;
- 4. Paragraph 2 shall apply from 4 July 2023 to:
 - (i) textiles for oil- and water-repellency for the protection of workers from dangerous liquids that comprise risks to their health and safety;
 - (ii) the manufacture of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) and polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) for the production of :
 - high performance, corrosion resistant gas filter membranes, water filter membranes and membranes for medical textiles;
 - industrial waste heat exchanger equipment;
 - industrial sealants capable of preventing leakage of volatile organic compounds and PM 2.5 particulates
- 5. By way of derogation to paragraph 2, the use of

C9-C14 PFCAs, their salts and related substances shall be allowed until 4 July 2025 for

- (i) photolithography or etch processes in semiconductor manufacturing;
- (ii) photographic coatings applied to films;
- (iii) invasive and implantable medical devices;

(iv fire-fighting foam for liquid fuel vapour suppression and liquid fuel fire (Class B fires) already installed in systems, including both mobile and fixed systems, subject to the following conditions:

- fire-fighting foam that contains or may contain C9-C14 PFCAs, its salts and related substances shall not be used for training;
- fire-fighting foam that contains or may contain C9-C14 PFCAs, its salts and related substances shall not be used for testing unless all releases are contained;
- from 1 January 2023, uses of fire-fighting foam that contains or may contain C9-C14 PFCAs, its salts and related substances shall only be allowed to sites where all releases can be contained;
- fire-fighting foam stockpiles that contain or may contain C9-C14 PFCAs, its salts and related substances shall be managed in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021.
- 6. Paragraph 2(c) shall not apply to articles placed on the market before [date-18 months after date of entry into force].
- 7. Paragraph 2 shall not apply to the can coating for pressurised metered-dose inhalers until [date-seven years after the entry into force].
- 8. Paragraph 2 (c) shall apply from 31 December 2023 to:

- (a) semiconductors on their own;
- (b) semiconductors incorporated in semifinished and finished electronic equipment.
- 9. Paragraph 2(c) shall apply from 31 December 2030 to semiconductors used in spare or replacement parts for finished electronic equipment placed on the market before 31 December 2023.
- 10. Until [date- 36 months after the entry into force of the restriction], the concentration limit referred to in paragraph 2 shall be 2000 ppb for the sum of C9-C14 PFCAs in fluoropolymers that contain perfluoropropoxy-groups or perfluoromethoxy-groups and are used in the following product groups: PTFE fine powders, fluoroelastomers and aqueous dispersions. From [date-36 months after the entry into force of the restriction], the concentration limit shall be 400 ppb for the sum of C9-C14 PFCAs. This derogation shall not apply to articles as referred to in paragraph 2(c).

[Placeholder: 2 additional derogations of recital (11)]

11. For the purposes of this entry, C9-C14 PFCA-related substances are substances that, based on their molecular structure, are considered to have the potential to degrade or be transformed to C9-C14 PFCAs.'