

**Customer information about REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XVII, Entry No 68: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substances**

Dear customer,

PMA/TOOLS AG is in close contact with its suppliers and have asked those for confirmation in written form, that products delivered to PMA/TOOLS AG do not contain any substances according to Entry No 68 listed in Annex XVII of REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. Products containing these listed substances will not be accepted by PMA/TOOLS AG.

**Background:**

Due to Regulation (EU) 2017/1000 of 13 June 2017 “amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substances” Entry 68 was included in Annex XVII:

**68.** Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (CAS No 335-67-1 / EC No 206-397-9) and its salts.

Any related substance (including its salts and polymers) having a linear or branched perfluoroheptyl group with the formula **C7F15-** directly attached to another carbon atom, as one of the structural elements.

Any related substance (including its salts and polymers) having a linear or branched perfluorooctyl group with the formula **C8F17-** as one of the structural elements.

The following substances are excluded from this designation:

- C8F17-X, where X = F, Cl, Br.
- C8F17-C(=O)OH, C8F17-C(=O)O-X' or C8F17-CF2-X'  
(where X' = any group, including salts).

The following applies to this new entry (with further exceptions and transition periods):

1. Shall not be manufactured, or placed on the market as substances on their own **from 4 July 2020**.
2. Shall not, **from 4 July 2020**, be used in the production of, or placed on the market in:
  - a) another substance, as a constituent;
  - b) a mixture;
  - c) an article,

in a concentration equal to or above 25 ppb of PFOA including its salts or 1 000 ppb of one or a combination of PFOA-related substances.

PMA/TOOLS AG

Willich, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020