Overview of Risk Reduction Approaches

The Netherlands addresses certain PFASs under EU regulation. For these initiatives see European Union actions.

Within the context of REACH, the EU regulation on chemicals management, the Netherlands together with Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden agreed early 2020 to prepare a joint REACH restriction proposal to limit the risk to the environment and human health from the manufacture and use of a wide range of PFASs. The scope of this proposal has been determined, information from stakeholders is received by 2 times ‘Call-for Evidence’ after which the restriction proposal (Annex XV dossier) has been prepared. The proposal for a restriction is submitted at ECHA (January 13, 2023). The next step is ECHA’s scientific committees check for opinion making and forwarding it to the European Commission (within one year). EC will prepare a decision for the EU Member States to vote on. After adoption and scrutinised by the European Parliament and Council, the restriction is expected to enter into force in 2025.

Key publications from public authorities

Publications available in English:

- Relevant RIVM publications in English can be found on this website.
- More information and publications on PFAS in Dutch can be found here.