

Consultation on the *draft* opinion of the Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) on the proposed restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

The consultation on this proposed restriction will start on 26 March 2026 and end on 25 May 2026 at 23h59 (local time in Helsinki).

Stakeholders – including industry, non-governmental organisations, producers and developers of alternatives, researchers and members of the public – are invited to provide evidence-based comments that will help inform SEAC's final opinion.

The focus of the consultation is the **SEAC draft opinion** agreed by the Committee on 10 March 2026. ECHA has published a consultation guidance and a mapping of PFAS uses to help contributors prepare and submit relevant information. ECHA encourages participants to carefully review the *draft* opinion and follow the guidance to ensure their input is as useful as possible for SEAC.

The 60-day consultation uses a structured survey format, inviting participants to respond to questions on the potential impacts of restricting the use of PFAS across various sectors as described in the SEAC *draft* opinion. Participants are also asked to provide specific information about the availability and feasibility of alternatives to PFAS.

Information on the hazards and risks to human health and the environment associated with PFAS will not be considered, as these are covered by the opinion of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC), which is already adopted.

The consultation is carried out through the EUSurvey tool and is accessible through the [ECHA consultation webpage](#). Information submitted through any other channel will not be accepted, unless specifically requested by the Committee. Any information marked as confidential will be treated appropriately.

Non-confidential information submitted in the consultation will be published regularly [here](#).

Next steps

Relevant information submitted through the consultation will be assessed to confirm or modify the Committee's conclusions as presented in the *draft* opinion.

The Committee is expected to adopt its final opinion by the end of 2026. This adoption will conclude the scientific evaluation of the proposed restriction by ECHA's Committees and the opinions will be formally submitted to the European Commission.

Based on the two final opinions, the Commission will propose a restriction for discussion and vote in the REACH Committee, composed of EU Member States.

Background

The proposal to restrict PFAS in the EU/EEA was prepared by authorities in the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. It was submitted to ECHA on 13 January 2023. It aims to reduce PFAS emissions into the environment and make products and processes safer for people. The six-month consultation on the restriction proposal ran from 22 March to 25 September 2023.

ECHA's Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) adopted its final opinion on the proposal on 2 March 2026.