

Castiglione Olona, 14th July 2023

Esteemed Customer,

Since 2009, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) have been included in the international Stockholm Convention to eliminate their use. PFOS has been restricted in the EU for more than 10 years already, under the EU's Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation.

The Stockholm Convention also regulates the global elimination of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds. PFOA has been banned under the POPs Regulation since 4 July 2020.

In June 2022, the Stockholm Convention parties decided to include PFHxS, its salts and related compounds in the treaty. This global ban is expected to enter into force at the end of 2023.

Long-chain perfluorinated carboxylic acids (C9-21 PFCAs) are being considered for inclusion in the Stockholm Convention and consequent global elimination.

In the scope of its Chemical Strategy for Sustainability the European Commission also commits to phasing-out the use of all PFAS in the EU, unless their use is essential. A REACH Restriction proposal is in progress with possible entry into force by 2026/2027.

PFAS are defined as a chemical substance, or polymer, that includes at least one aliphatic (-CF₂-) or (-CF₃-) element.

Mazzucchelli, after having checked in its production plants, confirms that none of the substances mentioned above is inserted in their products (Cellulose Acetate sheets) realized in following formulations :

- Standard
- M49
- HX

and using the following technologies:

- Rhodoid block
- Extrusion
- Lamination

Best regards,

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