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## EU Regulates PFHxS and PFHxS-related Compounds Under POP Recast

**The EU has added PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds to the POP Recast Regulation on persistent organic pollutants. The latest amendment will become effective on August 28, 2023.**

On August 8, 2023, the European Union (EU) issued [Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1608](#) to amend Part A of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants (POP Recast Regulation, [consolidated version to June 2023](#)) by adding perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, with specific exemptions on intermediate use or other specifications.

According to the definitions in the latest amendment, PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds means:

- PFHxS, including any of its branched isomers
- Its salts
- PFHxS-related compounds, which are substances that degrade to PFHxS, including substances that contain the chemical moiety C6F13S- as one of its structural elements

Highlights of the new law are summarized in the below table.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1608 of May 30, 2023, amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 as regards the listing of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, Official Journal of the EU, August 8, 2023			
Substance	Scope	Specific exemption on intermediate use or other specification	Effective Date
PFHxS and its salts	Substances, mixtures or articles	$\leq 0.025$ mg/kg	August 28, 2023
PFHxS-related Compounds		$\leq 1$ mg/kg (sum of all PFHxS-related compounds)	
PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds	Concentrated firefighting foam mixtures that are to be used or are used in the manufacture of other firefighting foam mixtures	$\leq 0.1$ mg/kg (to be reviewed within three years with a view to strengthen the limit)	

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