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PFAS

Dear Customer

On 7 February 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) presented a proposal to ban PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

It is expected that the EU Commission will make a final legislative decision on the proposal in 2025, and that there will then be an 18-month implementation phase.

The proposal is very comprehensive and includes banning the use of more than 10,000 PFAS - unless specific activity-based exceptions are provided for in the legislation.

PFAS use/restrictions throughout the value chain are included in the ban, which means:

- PFAS in manufacturing processes incl. raw materials/components/production lines
- Import of goods into the EU must be secured against PFAS content
- End-product content of PFAS

Solar A/S is of course obliged to ensure that our products comply with relevant legislation – including the upcoming PFAS regulation – with expected implementation in 2026/2027.

Since Solar A/S is not a manufacturing company, the implementation of the upcoming PFAS regulation is, in practice, handled by our suppliers.

We therefore have an ongoing dialogue with our suppliers, regarding the upcoming PFAS legislation, to ensure that they are working on identifying any PFAS content and introducing any substitutions, are handled.

Solar A/S follow EU and national legislation but since the PFAS legislation, as mentioned earlier, is not expected to be decided/defined until 2025 – with implementation in 2026/2027 at the earliest, we have no specific statement for now.

Best regards,

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