

24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Statement on PFAS

Dear Sir or Madam,

Since the request to include a ban on PFAS in the REACH Regulation was submitted, the EU Commission respectively ECHA has carried out extensive investigations to determine the prevalence and establish which products and industries are affected. So far, it has emerged that the number of products containing PFAS is significantly higher than initially assumed. Many PFAS combine properties that cannot yet be realised by other substances. Therefore, in many cases a suitable substitution is not readily possible.

In the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission 2024-2029 of 18 July 2024, the aim was to provide more clarity on the handling of PFAS. As the REACH Regulation itself is to be simplified at the same time, it is to be expected that clarification will take several more years.

With this letter we would like to comment on a possible ban of PFAS.

Schenck Process is merely a downstream user and not a manufacturer that processes PFAS itself or requires them for the production of components. Components that could contain PFAS only play a minor role in our products in the form of seals or coatings.

No measures have been taken to date, as we do not believe that this is yet expedient. For one thing, the situation is nowhere near concrete enough to tackle this issue. Neither specific bans nor the possible transition periods have been clarified. Secondly, we are dependent on which solutions our suppliers will provide as substitutes.

We are currently receiving many enquiries on this and other topics. We ask for your understanding that we are not currently making any efforts in this direction, such as questionnaires or detailed statements.

Kind Regards

Schenck Process Europe GmbH