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Subject: Clarification on the scope of ‘consumer products’ in the proposed restriction of PFAS

The Commission has announced its intention to further restrict the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in consumer products under the REACH Regulation and related policy initiatives. At the same time, questions remain regarding the regulatory scope and practical interpretation of the notion of ‘consumer products’, particularly in relation to products with different lifecycles, uses and technical requirements.

In this context, it is important to ensure legal certainty, proportionality and consistency with the EU’s industrial, circular economy and competitiveness objectives. Particular attention has been drawn to the distinction between short-life consumer applications, for which alternatives may already be available, and durable applications that rely on fluoropolymers to meet safety, performance, durability and resource-efficiency requirements.

This raises questions regarding how different categories of consumer products, including durable and short-life applications, should be considered in the future regulatory approach.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission considering a clearer definition or categorisation of ‘consumer products’ in the context of the proposed restriction of PFAS?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure a proportionate and evidence-based approach that takes into account differences between product categories, including product durability, the availability and life-cycle impact of alternatives, circular economy objectives and the competitiveness of EU industry?

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