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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is committed to presenting a proposal for a restriction, as soon as possible after receiving the final opinions from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), with the overall objective of minimising Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) emissions. As indicated in its European Chemicals Industry Action Plan¹, the Commission will address both consumer and industrial uses in its restriction proposal on PFAS. That proposal will contain the relevant operational definitions of terminology used for the proposed restriction, also taking into account existing definitions of the Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals², as done in other restrictions and as required to provide the necessary legal certainty. These definitions can also be useful to classify the different categories of PFAS uses, where relevant.

¹ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/european-chemicals-industry-action-plan_en.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02006R1907-20251023>.