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## Statement on the current PFAS regulations

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

as a manufacturer of electrotechnical products and articles, E-T-A Elektronische Apparate GmbH is following the current developments and regulations in connection with a possible ban on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) with great care. Our aim is to be able to respond promptly to the concerns and uncertainties of our customers and suppliers with regards to developing risks. PFAS are increasingly coming into focus of global regulatory measures due to their negative effects on people's health and the environment. We have therefore put together a dedicated team from various specialist areas to proactively address potential impacts and risks to our business processes and supply chains. The knowledge gained by our team about the presence of PFAS therefore has an impact on our products in the respective applications, but also on the supply chain of our purchased parts.

The global regulations on PFAS currently include various legal frameworks and regulatory measures. E-T-A Elektronische Apparate GmbH is aware of the issue surrounding the group of substances known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). For this reason, we are monitoring and evaluating the following PFAS restrictions regarding their impact on our products in the corresponding markets.

- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP Convention) of 17 May 2004
- Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)
- Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH (EC) No. 1907/2006) - European Union (EU) [PFAS restriction proposal](#) of 7 February 2023
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) / PFAS reporting rule 40 CFR Part 705 under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), Section 8(a)(7), including state regulations in the states of California, Colorado, Maine and Minnesota.

E-T-A Elektronische Apparate GmbH understands the general concern and the associated questions about how the above-mentioned restrictions could affect you and your customers. However, as there are currently still too many uncertainties regarding the requirements for the planned amendment of the REACH Regulation, we are currently unable to make any qualified statements on individual products or product groups. Information on the current status of the procedure under the REACH Regulation can be found on the [website](#) of the European Chemicals Agency ECHA.

Kind regards,  
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