

All LEACH Customers

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Object: LEACH PFAS statement

Dear Customer,

Leach International Europe is the world's leading provider of electromechanical and solid state switch gear for aircraft, defense, space, and rail applications. As such Leach International is committed to minimizing the environmental impact of its activities and products and complying with environmental legislation, including legislations on hazardous substances.

PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a very large family of thousands of synthetic chemical substances. They are used for their heat resistance and as water/grease repellents and are therefore very persistent in the environment as they hardly degrade under heat or water contact. As a consequence they accumulate in the environment and can be transported over long distances. Ultimately this accumulation may expose humans to health concerns driven by PFAS through drinking water or the food chain.

As several regulation projects arise worldwide, including in Europe (REACH Restriction proposal) or Americas (PFAS Strategic Roadmap and TSCA rules), Leach International Europe is closely monitoring scientific progress on identification of PFAS substances (to date, there is no consensus on a standard list of PFAS) and processes related to release of PFAS regulations. For example it is assumed that any European Reach Restriction would not take place before 2026/2027.

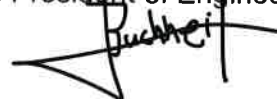
In the meantime we want to assure you Leach International Europe is taking actions with its suppliers on this matter to collaborate in advance in order to identify any risk of PFAS presence in the supplies we receive from them and implement corrective actions if required.

Best Regards,

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