

## **Fluoropolymer Product Group (FPG) Statement on the Proposed REACH Restriction of PFAS**

Recent media coverage has raised questions about the conduct of the fluoropolymers industry in relation to the proposed PFAS REACH restriction. While we respect the role of media and public discourse, some of the statements and opinions expressed in these reports misrepresent the facts, leading to unsubstantiated allegations.

The Fluoropolymers Product Group (FPG) stands by the integrity of its actions and remains committed to providing transparent, evidence-based information about fluoropolymers to all stakeholders.

We support a regulatory approach that is both coherent and targeted, and we support regulatory action to ensure the highest standards of emissions control and lifecycle management. Throughout the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) process, we have contributed knowledge, data, and expertise as part of the public stakeholder consultation. This inclusive process is a cornerstone of effective and balanced regulation.

Fluoropolymers are uniquely positioned to support critical industries, including healthcare, renewable energy, advanced batteries, semiconductors, transportation, and defence. These materials play a vital role in Europe's competitiveness, strategic autonomy, and transition to a green economy.

An overly broad restriction proposal encompassing thousands of substances risks significant unintended consequences. It could disrupt essential industries, hinder innovation, and compromise Europe's sustainability goals. Treating fluoropolymers as indistinguishable from other PFAS substances fails to recognize their distinct safety profile and indispensable role in advancing critical sectors responsibly.

We are committed to advocating for best practices in manufacturing and end-of-life management, ensuring fluoropolymers continue to meet the highest standards of safety and environmental stewardship. FPG will persist in engaging constructively in the regulatory process, adhering to all rules and procedures, and championing decisions rooted in robust scientific evidence.

By fostering balanced and evidence-based regulation, we can ensure that essential technologies supported by fluoropolymers continue to deliver solutions that benefit society and the environment alike.

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