





# **CUSTOMER LETTER**

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## **Proposed Reporting and Additional Regulation of PFAS**

### Dear Customer,

It is TE Connectivity's ambition to provide our customers with as much transparency as possible regarding the presence of regulated substances in our products. We are aware of our current obligations with respect to PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) and we are closely monitoring future requirements. Please be advised of the following:

TE Connectivity (TE) is in compliance with existing legislation regarding the use of certain PFAS and we are closely monitoring (future) reporting and restriction obligations:

- The Stockholm Convention includes PFOS, and its derivatives; PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds; and PFHxS (Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds for elimination.
- EU POPs Regulation bans the use of PFOS, PFOA and PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds.
- EU REACH Candidate List contains numerous declarable PFAS SVHCs and REACH Annex XVII lists multiple restricted PFAS substances.
- California Prop 65 has three PFAS substances which are subject to Prop 65 warning and labeling requirements (PFOS, PFOA and PFNA).
- China New Pollutants for Priority Management Category (2023) bans the manufacturing, import/export or use of PFOS, PFOA and PFHxS from 1 March 2023 with limited exemption.
- US TSCA Section 8(a)(7) requires the reporting of PFAS to the US EPA. The final rule was released October 2023. The rule has at least 1462 substances identified (PFAS known to be in commercial use in the United States) and reporting is required to go back in time (from January 1, 2011).
- Maine (US) is the first governing body to announce their intent to ban the sale of products containing PFAS that were "intentionally added", starting 1 January 2030. All products containing intentionally added PFAS which are sold in Maine must be registered beginning 1 January 2025, prior to sale or distribution in the state.

TE is also tracking additional proposed PFAS reporting obligations and restrictions:

- EU REACH Restriction proposal submitted to ECHA by 5 EEA countries (Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden). The draft proposal was made available on ECHA's website on 7 February 2023 and proposes to ban the manufacture, sale and use of up to 10,000 PFAS substances within the European Union. If passed, this restriction will apply to most applications and uses starting in 2026 or 2027.
- o Some 30 US states are considering PFAS regulations of varying degree.
- The Stockholm Convention may include LC-PFCAs.
- o The Government of Canada published a notice of intent to address the broad class of PFAS; and in







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response to the commitment described in the notice of intent a Draft State of PFAS Report and Risk Management Scope for PFAS were published and open for public comment.

TE is able to declare the presence of currently regulated PFAS in our products, upon request. As the additional proposed PFAS legislation moves toward enforcement, TE is working to query our supply base for various PFAS (by CAS numbers). This will enable us to ensure compliance to (future) PFAS legislation, and eventually provide more automated Statements of Compliance regarding the use and presence of PFAS in our products.

For additional information regarding TE Connectivity's Product Compliance initiatives, please visit our Product Compliance Support Center at http://www.te.com/global-en/utilities/product-compliance.html.

Should you have any further questions regarding the compliance status of a specific TE part number, please contact productcompliance@te.com.

At this time, TE is only able to declare the presence of a limited number of PFAS (mainly the currently regulated PFAS) in our products. As the additional proposed PFAS legislation moves toward enforcement, TE is working to query our supply base for newly regulated PFAS (CAS numbers) and rollup the presence of these substances across our sellable products. PFAS legislation is evolving fast and therefore any specific declaration received is time sensitive and only provides our knowledge at the specific date mentioned on the declaration

As the global leader in in connectivity and sensor solutions, TE Connectivity routinely makes acquisitions and divestitures to build and optimize our offerings for our customers. As a result, integration and divestment activities are a normal part of our operations. From a product compliance perspective, this dynamic means that certain TE parts may not yet be integrated into our systems or customer facing outputs. Accordingly, to the extent you seek a certification or other information with respect to a specific TE part or population of parts, bear in mind that parts from acquired entities may not yet be reflected in TE's product compliance outputs. To the extent you have any concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to seek confirmation from your TE contact.

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