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To whom it may concern

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**Planned ban on PFAS use**Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published a proposal to ban the production, use and distribution of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The aim of the ban is to drastically reduce the release of PFAS into the environment.

After publication, a scientific evaluation was performed by ECHA's Risk Assessment and Socio-economic Analysis Committees. A six-month public consultation has now come to an end. During this consultation period, interested parties could submit additional information to substantiate, for example, the inclusion of further exemptions in the restriction proposal. Mankenberg actively participated in this consultation and submitted arguments to justify the use of relevant polymers. ECHA's Scientific Committees will consider and evaluate this information when preparing their statement. Most likely a decision by the European Commission on this proposal can be expected in 2025.

If the proposal is implemented by the European Commission in the version that was presented, companies will consequentially have to find alternatives for those areas of application where such alternatives are still lacking or not yet attractive enough. According to the proposed restriction, there are transition periods of 1,5 to 13,5 years for companies to find alternatives, depending on the application.

PFAS include, among others, the components made of PTFE, FKM/FPM, FEPM or FFKM used by Mankenberg, for example. It is not yet known to what extent our valves or components will be affected. Nor is it known how products that are already in the supply chain will exactly be handled. In any case, we are making every effort to ensure their use as best as we can with the help of customers, suppliers and technical associations.

If there is any news regarding the supply of our products, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Best regards

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