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# Approach to PFAS & Product Environmental Compliance

Dear Valued Customer,

At TE Connectivity, we prioritize the safety, quality, and sustainability of the materials in our products. We actively comply with applicable regulations and seek safer alternatives, including a thorough evaluation of substances like per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Our commitment to transparency ensures you have visibility into the presence of such substances in our products.

### **Proactive PFAS Management**

We assess our use of PFAS against current regulations and are preparing for future requirements to responsibly manage these substances. We are going beyond the currently regulated PFAS and proactively working to query our supply base for all PFAS (CAS numbers) and rollup the presence of these substances across our sellable products. Our teams also work diligently to minimize disruptions across our supply chain while meeting evolving requirements.

### Key Regulatory Frameworks

Our compliance system aligns with existing and future regulations, including:

- **Stockholm Convention** Covering PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid), PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid), and PFHxS (perfluorohexane sulfonic acid); LC-PFCAs (long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids) under evaluation.<sup>1</sup>
- EU POPs Regulation Implements the bans and restrictions of the Stockholm Convention.
- EU REACH Already in force numerous PFAS as SVHCs or restricted PFAS under REACH Annex XVII.
- **EU REACH UPFAS proposal** The Universal PFAS Restriction (UPFAS) is still under regulatory review but aims to introduce a comprehensive ban on the use of PFAS substances across various industries in the EU.
- China New Pollutants for Priority Management Category Bans the manufacturing, import/export or use of PFOS, PFOA and PFHxS from March 1, 2023 with limited exemptions.
- California Prop 65 Warnings and labeling for specific PFAS (e.g., PFOS, PFOA).
- US TSCA Section 8(a)(7) Requires reporting of PFAS manufactured in (or imported to) the United States by January 2026 and record keeping of such reports for 5 years from the date of submission to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This rule includes thousands of compounds that entered the US market between January 1, 2011 and December 31 2022.
- Maine, Minnesota and other US states Progressive bans on products with intentionally added PFAS. Hundreds of other proposals under legislative process at regional/ local level in the US.
- Canada CEPA Notice 71 Reporting requirements for certain PFAS.

# CUSTOMER LETTER



### **Tailored Solutions and Safer Alternatives**

While PFAS alternatives are limited in some cases, we adopt a balanced approach – combining enterprise-wide expertise with specific initiatives for business units and customers. Our focus is on maintaining the high quality you expect while identifying safer material options.

## Your Resources and Next Steps

For detailed information on TE Connectivity's Product Compliance initiatives, visit our Product Compliance Support Center at <a href="https://www.te.com/en/utilities/product-compliance.html">https://www.te.com/en/utilities/product-compliance.html</a>

We can declare the presence of regulated PFAS in our products upon request and ensure compliance with future regulations through ongoing supply base queries.<sup>3</sup> If you have questions regarding specific products or applications, please contact your TE business unit representative or email us at <u>productcompliance@te.com</u>.

## **Our Commitment**

TE Connectivity remains dedicated to rigorous regulatory compliance and scientific precision, delivering products that meet and exceed your expectations for quality and safety. Together, we aim to create a safer, more connected world.

Thank you for your trust in TE Connectivity.

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<sup>1</sup> Some Stockholm Convention entries are chemical groups, i.e. PFOA is referred as "Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOArelated compounds". The official names are in <u>https://www.pops.int/TheConvention/ThePOPs/AllPOPs/tabid/2509/Default.aspx</u>.

<sup>2</sup> PFAS legislation is evolving fast and therefore any specific declaration received is time sensitive and only provides the best of our knowledge at the specific date mentioned on the declaration.

<sup>3</sup> As a global leader in connectivity and sensor solutions, TE Connectivity routinely makes acquisitions and divestitures that 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 compliance systems or customer facing outputs. If you seek certification or other information with respect to specific TE parts from acquired entities, please bear in mind that these may not yet be reflected in TE's product compliance outputs. If you have any concerns in this regard, you can seek confirmation from your TE contact.