

**Question for written answer E-001120/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: PFAS regulation in the forthcoming REACH revision

The REACH Regulation is due to be revised in 2026. According to some reports, the changes will also cover PFAS (a group of over 10 000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), based, among other things, on the restriction proposal submitted to the European Chemicals Agency in 2023 and the 2025 technical updates.

Urgent action is required in light of the various studies highlighting the harmful impact on the environment and health of many of these substances, which are particularly resistant and persistent, and accumulate in air, water, soil and living organisms. The remediation, filtration, and health, agricultural and waste management costs relating to these compounds are extremely high: a DG ENV report published on 29 January 2026 estimates that if PFAS pollution continues at current levels, the cost for the EU could amount to EUR 440 billion by 2050. At present, we can identify, precisely measure and accurately pinpoint the effects of only a small proportion of the PFAS in the Union.

In view of this, can the Commission indicate how it intends to deal with PFAS in the REACH revision in order to establish a regulatory framework that respects the precautionary principle for both the environment and health?

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