



Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) regulation Statement

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large class of thousands of synthetic chemicals that are used throughout society. However, they are increasingly detected as environmental pollutants, and some are linked to negative effects on human health.

They all contain carbon-fluorine bonds, which are one of the strongest chemical bonds in organic chemistry. This means that they resist degradation when used and also in the environment. Most PFAS are also easily transported in the environment covering long distances away from the source of their release.

In 2009, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) have been included in the International Stockholm Convention to restrict their use. PFOS has been already restricted in the EU for more than 10 years, under the EU's Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation. Since 2022, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), PFHxS and Long-chain perfluorinated carboxylic acids (C9-21 PFCAs) are regulated by POPs Regulation. PFAS are as well under Restriction and SVHC list according to REACH.

Bel Fuse Inc. reviewed all the information provided by our suppliers. As of this date, we have no knowledge of the presence of PFAS which are already regulated by REACH, PoP directive or Prop 65.

Our company is constantly monitoring PFAS ban proposal by any national legislative. As of the date of this statement, Bel Fuse has no knowledge that our products contain substances which meet PFAS characterization except for some Bel Power Solutions and Signal transformer products. Such substances may be present in wire insulation.

Bel Fuse Inc. has already started the Supply Chain PFAS survey to ensure that we continue delivering compliant products.

For detailed information about products which may contain PFAS mentioned above, please contact martina.supakova@psbel.com.

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