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Global PFAS supplier request

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Frequently Asked Questions

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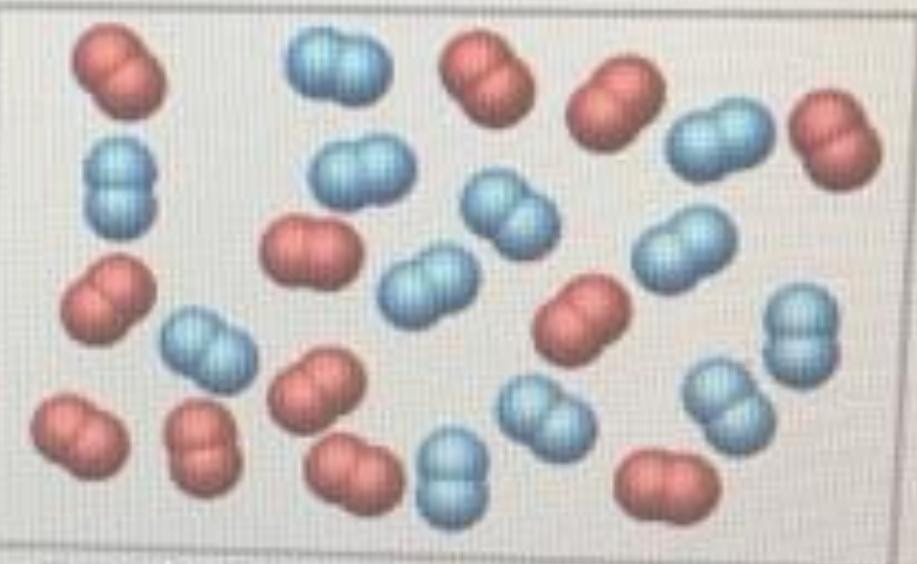
- **Is the declaration mandatory?**
  Yes. The declaration is a prerequisite to be able to keep on selling products in regions that are or will be affected by PFAS regulations. As these regulations are upcoming increasingly all over the world, BSH has made PFAS declarations a global minimum requirement. As a supplier to BSH, thus, we depend on the information on your supplies to do so. In consequence, if we do not get the information, this may result in reduction or stop of business, if we do not have the necessary information on the day of the legal deadline latest.
- **How can I protect my Intellectual Property when declaring?**
  The provided template is asking only for the legally relevant substances, and if those are intentionally added. It is not required to make a full material declaration or otherwise communicate IP-relevant data. Likewise, we will not forward your data to outside business. The intention for us to know is for the official authorities asking to proof the BSH compliance with the regulation.
- **What to do, if I do not have all required information within the deadline?**
  We are aware, that it may take some time to get the information from your own supply chain. If for some material codes you can not send us the information within the deadline, please do not just send nothing. Please mark the goods you are not yet able to give information correspondingly and send back the template to us. Should you require assistance, do not hesitate to ask.
- **Do I have to provide analytical tests, too?**
  No. If test reports would be required, we would explicitly state that; as well what they need to contain and how you should provide them to us.
- **What happens, if I declare something wrong?**
  This depends on the question if you have been providing false information by mistake or intentionally. In general, liability and consequences are identical to similar cases of providing wrong technical information on a product to a customer (e.g. wrong datasheets).
- **How often do I have to update my declaration?**
  As long as the legal regulations remain unchanged, you only have to re-declare, if the declaration status of your products changes, e.g. by material change, design changes, etc.. In case of a change of the legal regulations, of course, there must be a new declaration according to the new regulation.
- **I do not sell a certain material anymore to BSH – do I still have to declare?**
- Yes, as long as BSH is using a certain product, the obligation to provide information on it's legal properties exist.

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BSH material number or VIB as well as the corresponding material description is prefilled.

Step 1

For each material number, choose a declaration status:

- *intentionally added PFAS contained*
- *no intentionally added PFAS contained*

BSH material no./ VIB	Product description	Declaration Status: intentionally added PFAS contained
123	abcs	Yes

List of products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Version 1.0	
Company name:	0
Date:	1900-01-00

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) have increasingly come into focus of existing and upcoming legislation, e.g. within The *Act to To Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution* by the US State of Maine (Maine passed L.D. 1503) and the planned universal PFAS ban on European Union level.
BSH requires suppliers to reveal the occurrence of intentionally added* PFAS by this declaration. This requirement is fixed in BSH Technical Checking Directive "Use of Hazardous Substances" which can be accessed following this link:
https://ocp.bsh-group.com/en/documents/#section-quality

Show Substance Filter

Step 2

For a material no. or VIB, where the status *intentionally added* was selected, either the CAS-No. or the substance name(s) of the contained substance(s) must be filled in.

Select the line to be filled in and use the provided substance filter by pushing on the "Show Substance Filter" button

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Substance Filter

- In the substance filter interface, you can type in the CAS-No. or the substance name and choose the suitable entry from the list*

  *Please note: the substance name can only be found if the first letter is skipped, e.g. when searching for *Polytetrafluoroethylene* you have to type in *olytetrafluoroethylene*

- Click on „Push substance to selected line" and close the substance filter

- CAS-No. and substance name will then be automatically transfered to the selected line

BSH material no./ VIB	Product description	Declaration Status: intentionally added PFAS contained	CAS-No. Use *Show Substance Filter* button to search	Substance name Use *Show Substance Filter* button to search
123	abcs	Yes	9002-84-0	Polytetrafluoroethylene

- In case you need to declare more than one substance, copy the line and declare twice

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Step 3
It is mandatory to also indicate the amount of the specific PFAS substance being used in mg (!) as well as the weight of the affected component/supplied unit in g and their reason for usage. Reasons for usage might be:
- Hydrophobic properties
- Reduce friction
- …

Step 4
The remaining columns are autopopulated.
There is a quick ckeck automatically done in the last column. If everything is okay, this will be displayed accordingly in green. In case something is missing, this will be inidicated in red.

Concentration [mg/kg]	Reason for usage (functional or technical effect)	DTXSID (autopopulated)	Quick Check (auto-populated)
1	hydrophobic properties	DTXSID7047724	Ok

Quick Check (auto-populated)
Column F and G must be filled + either column D or E must be filled

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