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## EFCTC webinar “F-gases as PFAS: what is happening and what will come next?”

EFCTC received a positive response from other associations and downstream users following its webinar on F-gases as PFAS held on 3 September 2021. EFCTC urged the participants to submit a response to the second Stakeholder Consultation on PFAS and offered its support where needed.

The REACH restriction proposal<sup>1</sup> on PFAS could have a significant impact on the entire F-gas value chain, as a result, EFCTC decided to hold a webinar to support and assist downstream users and other associations in learning more about PFAS and the current legislative process.

The webinar was opened to any interested industry representatives and over 140 participants attended.

During the webinar, EFCTC speakers provided an overview of the REACH Restriction process, explained why the PFAS restriction could have an impact on F-gases, and shared the arguments against the inclusion of F-gases in a REACH restriction of PFAS. EFCTC also guided the participants through the complex questionnaire published by the 5 authorities in the context of the second Stakeholder Consultation.

The presentation shared during the webinar is publicly available on the EFCTC website.

EFCTC urges downstream users and other industry associations to provide the authorities with complete and accurate information through the second consultation to ensure that the data sets on F-gases developed to support any resultant REACH restrictions are as robust and comprehensive as possible.

### About EFCTC

The European FluoroCarbons Technical Committee is a Cefic Sector Group that monitors legislation related to HFCs (hydrofluorocarbons), and HFOs (hydrofluoro-olefins) in the EU and at global level.

Fluorocarbons are used as feedstock, as refrigerants, as solvents and as blowing agents for insulation plastic foams.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://echa.europa.eu/hot-topics/perfluoroalkyl-chemicals-pfas>