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To whom it may concern

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Upcoming PFAS Restrictions

Dear Sir or Madam,

the *Umweltbundesamt (UBA)*, together with authorities from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, have submitted a proposal for the EU-wide restriction of PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) to the European Chemicals Agency.

In future, the production, use and placing on the market of PFASs are to be restricted - with exceptions.

Rohde & Schwarz develops, manufactures and distributes a wide range of electronic capital equipment for industry, infrastructure operators and sovereign customers. The independent group is a technology or market leader in all its fields of activity, including mobile communications and radio frequency measurement technology, broadcast and media technology, air traffic control and military radiocommunications, as well as cyber security and network technology.

With its industry-leading technology expertise, the independent group is a reliable partner for the future of communication, information and security.

Our products in the various market segments meet the highest requirements, which is why PFASs for these products play an essential role in achieving the specifications. Therefore, we participate in the ECHA public consultation and analyze our products.

An analysis of products containing PFASs will be partially possible in the future. For an analysis we then will need the respective material numbers.

Furthermore, Rohde & Schwarz is evaluating whether alternative materials can be considered for our product portfolio and whether they can be substituted. In this regard, we are in exchange with our stakeholders to collect relevant information and adapt possible alternatives in time.

Best regards,

signed
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