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Dear Valued Customer

At Thermo Fisher Scientific, each day, we strive to find safer, smarter, and more sustainable ways to manufacture our products with the health and safety of the people who make and use our products in mind.

Thank you for your inquiry relating to Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in our product portfolio and about the actions we are taking to ensure compliance with the emerging regulations impacting manufacture and use of these substances. PFAS are a group of chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and other chemicals used to manufacture everyday household products since the 1940s. Many of these substances have been identified as hazardous as well as being persistent and mobile in the environment. As such, governments are taking actions to restrict the use of PFAS in products and reduce emissions to the environment. Thermo Fisher remains a responsible partner in addressing concerns about the health and environmental impact of its products and is fully committed to meeting its regulatory obligations.

Currently, the most notable of these regulatory concerns is the recently published European proposal to include PFAS within Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) 1906/2007 (REACH), aka "Restriction". In this proposal, the EU has adopted the broad OECD definition of PFAS which includes more than 10,000 substances and polymers.

Thermo Fisher Scientific is taking all necessary steps to verify the presence of PFAS in its supply chain including evaluation of our product specifications and design requirements, collecting supplier declarations and disclosures as well as conducting any necessary analytical testing. We will use this data to inform on any contribution we may take in the current public consultation on the proposed REACH Restriction. We also encourage our value chain to do the same via their trade associations.

At this time, our teams continue to scrub their portfolios for PFAS using the EU adopted OECD definition. PFAS is certainly present in a number of common laboratory products because of its unique performance properties – from electrical and electronic components, bioproduction consumables, packaging and fluid handling materials, filtration, and refrigeration gases – to name a few.

Currently, we are unable to provide a comprehensive affirmative list of impacted products. Where PFAS is found in our products and to which we cannot abide by a codified exclusion or referenced



derogation within the current proposed EU REACH restriction, Thermo Fisher will take necessary measures to replace the material where possible or ensure it complies with current regulatory requirements.

Thermo Fisher Scientific values our relationship with our customers and remains committed to supporting your important work. If you have any additional questions, please contact our Product Legislation Compliance team at: [Thermo PLC PFAS Inquiries](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Schatz". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Jeff Schatz  
Director, Product Legislation Compliance