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Forwarding of the observations of a Member State (Austria) (article 5, paragraph 2, of Directive (EU) 2015/1535). These observations do not have the effect of extending the standstill period.

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5. article 5, paragraph 2, of Directive (EU) 2015/1535

6. Austria would like to make the following comments on the French Decree on the prevention of risks arising from exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances:

There are already existing PFAS restrictions in Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation, such as the restriction of PFHxA in textiles, among other things, (Regulation (EU) 2024/2462 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 as regards undecafluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA), its salts and PFHxA-related substances).

Does the present decree provide for lower limit values or stricter provisions than in the existing PFHxA restriction?

A very extensive restriction, referred to as the ‘universal PFAS restriction’, is currently being developed. Following the entry into force of this restriction, will France repeal the present decree?

Against this background, we propose harmonising national measures with ongoing European processes to the greatest extent possible in order to ensure consistent regulations across the internal market and to prevent duplication of regulations.

This comment is made without formal objection to the French draft and serves solely to point out the importance of EU-wide coordination in the interests of the internal market.

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