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To whom it may concern

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**EU REACH PFAS restriction proposal – ZF PFAS Workstreams update**

Dear Customer,

In response to your recent inquiry, ZF Friedrichshafen AG (ZF) would like to state that we are taking the proposed EU REACH restriction proposal on per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances ([Restriction Proposal](#)) seriously and can provide the following update at this time:

- ZF is being proactive --> ZF PFAS Workstreams continue work to identify potential PFAS-free alternatives to enable phase-out of PFAS in ZF's products;
- ZF is driving forward with our suppliers to find potential PFAS-free substitutes for critical uses --> while several potential PFAS-free substitutes have been identified, there is still a huge ongoing work effort, which will take years, to find and validate PFAS-free alternatives for the most critical uses;
- ZF continues to partner with the European Automobile Manufacturer's Association (ACEA)/ European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) PFAS Expert Group Domains;
- ZF continues to monitor the progress and timeline of the PFAS Restriction Proposal at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and will adapt our approach as needed; and
- ZF can assure you that our products will be compliant with the future legislation.

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Latest status based on today's knowledge for products from our **Portfolio Switches & Sensing Solution**:

- **DB series:** PFAS not intentionally added. Switches are free from PFAS.
- **D4 series:** PFAS containing due to actuator has Teflon coating. Product can therefore not be claimed as PFAS-free. New Teflon-free component in evaluation. Result expected for Q2/2025.
- **DC series:** PFAS is not intentionally added. During production of the sealing gasket release agent is used which contains PFAS. Supplier will change the release agent; test results should be available by Q2/2025. Until then, we cannot confirm that ZF DC switches are free from PFAS.
- **Other switch series:** Currently no further details available. In case of specific requests please ask your known ZF contact.
- **Remark:** Please consider that all given information is valid for the ZF switches without wire harness!

Best regards

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