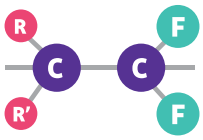
The Facts on Fluoropolymers: The evolving PFAS regulatory landscape.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

PVDF, FEVE, ETFE, PTFE, ECTFE, and thousands more

PFAS Polymers

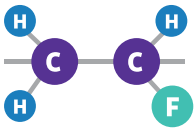


R, R' = H, F, or C

OR

Polyvinyl Fluoride

PVF



Provides long-lasting finish surface protection	👍	👍
Contains no fully-fluorinated carbons	👎	👍
Not included in proposed ECHA PFAS restriction list	👎	👍

"PFASs are defined as fluorinated substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated methyl or methylene carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I atom attached to it), i.e. with a few noted exceptions, any chemical with at least a perfluorinated methyl group (–CF3) or a perfluorinated methylene group (–CF2–) is a PFAS."

Quote from OECD PFAS Review

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Areas with PFAS Restrictions (Proposed & Law)

Examples of Impacted Industries:

- Building & Construction
- Paint & Coatings
- Transportation
- Consumer Goods

"Polyvinyl fluoride (PVF) is a partial fluorinated fluoropolymer and not a PFAS...could be a viable alternative fluoropolymer to polymeric PFAS for certain applications..."

Quote from Published ECHA Restriction Proposal, Annex C

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EU Substance Restriction Timeline:

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Publication of the Dossier		RAC Final Opinion SEAC Draft Opinion **60 DAY Public Comment Period**		Commission Draft Proposal REACH Committee	Commission Decision in 2028	
ECHA Process				Commission Process	18 Month Transition Period	Derogations 5 – 12 years
Companies shall be prepared to submit information to address gaps such as: Emission reduction commitments, additional information on alternatives, new test data, end of life information, regrettable substitutions/unintended consequences, i.e., anything missed during the consultation period in 2023			RAC/SEAC opinions transferred to the Commission?			Entry Into Force in 2029

"[options include] Tedlar, a weather-resistant polymer that is not a PFAS compound itself and makes no use of PFAS during its manufacturing process."

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What's the alternative to PFAS? DuPont™ Tedlar®

DuPont™ Tedlar® film and coatings are made using polyvinyl fluoride (PVF) resin, which is specifically cited by ECHA as a non-PFAS fluoropolymer. PVF does not contain any fully-fluorinated carbons, nor is it made with fluorinated surfactants, and thus is not a PFAS according to EPA, US States, ECHA, OCED, etc.

DUPONT Tedlar®

Source: European Chemicals Agency, http://echa.europa.eu/
ECHA Full Published Proposal: https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e18663449b