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European Union withdrawal of notifications of the production and use of PFOS for certain acceptable purposes pursuant to Annex B to the Stockholm Convention

Dear Mr Payet,

Pursuant to Part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention, Parties may notify the Secretariat of the production and/or use of PFOS for the acceptable purposes pursuant to Part I of Annex B.

The European Union had notified the Secretariat of the production and use of PFOS for certain acceptable purposes, which is documented in the register of acceptable purposes made available to the public on the Convention website.

The European Union would now like to inform you that the production and use of PFOS for the following acceptable purposes is no longer required:

- Photo-imaging;
- Photo-resist and anti-reflective coatings for semi-conductors;
- Etching agent for compound semi-conductors and ceramic filters.

Consequently, the European Union would like to withdraw the notifications of the production and use of PFOS for the acceptable purposes listed above and would like to request the deletion of those entries from the registry.

Thank you very much in advance for taking the necessary action to update the registry of the acceptable purposes for PFOS as outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

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