



**Ministry of Environment
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National regulation and its implementation – The Danish Chemical Inspection Service

PFAS enforcement in Nordic
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PFAS – DK-focus - The back ground

- **Transition period on PFOA ends 4. July 2020 (except for fire fighting foam under certain conditions, and some specific exceptions according to POP-Regulation, Annex 1, Part A).**
 - [Nordic enforcement project on PFOS and PFOA in chemical products and articles \(2020 – 2021\)](#)
- **Spring 2021: Korsør Nor – Calf meat with PFOS + PFHxS – content of 180 nanogram/gram.**
 - **EFSA recommendation: 2,9 nanogram/gram**
- **2022 Control campaign on PFOS and PFOA – content in fire fighting foam in hand extinguisher**
- **Summer of 2022 Rigsrevisionen starts examination of Governmental Authorities administration, inspection and control on the POP-regulation with an focus on PFOS (and PFOA). Subject: The Ministry of Defense and The Ministry of Environment.**
- **Pre-summer of 2023 Rigsrevisionen and The Danish Parliaments PM-Accountents strongly criticizes the administration, inspection and control of PFAS-handling in The Ministry of Defense and The Ministry of Environment.**

Agreement on a National Action Plan for PFAS

Agreement of 30. May 2024 between the Danish Government, Denmark Democrats, Green Left, Liberal Alliance, the Conservative People's Party, the Danish Red-Green Alliance, the Danish Social-Liberal Party, the Danish People's Party and The Alternative

The Action Plan runs up to and including 2027, and represents a first phase of action against PFAS. The parties have agreed to allocate DKK 404 million in the years 2024-2027:

- **We need to clean up PFAS**
- **We need to contain PFAS**
- **We need to prevent PFAS**
 - **A national ban on PFAS in firefighting foam has been introduced at training sites where there is a high risk of PFAS being released directly into the environment (from 1. July 2024 – import from 1. January 2024).**
 - **Threshold: more than 1 ppm (mg/kg) total PFAS.**

 - **The use of PFAS in textiles accounts for a significant part of total PFAS use, and for this reason the Action Plan also includes a ban of the use of PFAS in clothing and impregnation agents for consumers (from 1. July 2026).**
 - **Threshold: 10 mg/kg for sum of PFAS excluding PFAS-polymer or total 50 mg F/kg.**

Regulated PFAS' - Active substance - analysing - 2023

Expansion of the analytical control of active substances in biocides and pesticides with screening for unwanted PFAS compounds

- 9 biocides were screened
 - 3 rodenticides and 6 mosquito repellent
- 30 pesticides were screened
 - All pesticides containing the same active substance as the American study in which PFAS was detected in pesticides
 - Products from the only manufacturer that manufactures pesticide products in Denmark
- The products were screened for 33 PFAS compounds of which 16 are regulated through either POP- or the REACH-regulation

Results

- No regulated PFAS compounds were found

Challenges

- Finding laboratories
- It was not possible to find a laboratory which could test for all regulated PFAS compounds
- The low concentration limit of the regulation

Thank you

