

16th March 2026

To whom it may concern

Re: EU REACH and UK HSE regulations on the use of C6-AFFFs

Current EU and draft UK regulations allow the continued use of C6 foams. EU REACH published their regulations on the 2nd October 2025, while the UK HSE completed a 6 month consultation period in February 2026 on their preferred approach to PFAS in firefighting foam - which aligns closely with the EU legislation.

Both the EU and UK have set out transition (derogation) periods for different sectors before the move from AFFFs to fluorine free foams is required. **It is only at the date stated or conclusion of the transition period that a change to fluorine free becomes mandatory.**

The sector-specific transition periods for both the UK and EU are outlined in the table below:

Sector	Confirmed EU transition period end date	Draft UK transition period (likely to be 12-18 months after EIF)
Seveso III sites (e.g. refineries, chemical plants, bulk flammable liquid storage sites, etc)	23 rd October 2035	10 years
Offshore Oil & Gas installations	23 rd October 2035	10 years
Municipal Fire Brigades: responding to Seveso III sites	23 rd October 2035	10 years
Municipal Fire Brigades: <u>not</u> responding to Seveso III sites	23 rd April 2027	18 months
Military vessels	23 rd October 2035	10 years
Civil ships – already in service	23 rd October 2035	5 years
Civil ships – new builds	23 rd October 2030	5 years
Civil Aviation including civilian airports	31 st December 2030	5 years
Training and testing (except where all releases are contained)	23 rd April 2027	18 months
Portable fire extinguishers (placing on the market/selling - except alcohol resistant foam fire extinguishers)	23 rd October 2026	6 months
Portable fire extinguishers: alcohol resistant foam (placing on the market/selling)	23 rd April 2027	N/A
All other sectors	N/A	5 years

These transition periods will be reviewed nearer the dates stated and may be extended further.

Please note that all Aberdeen Foam AFFFs purchased after 2015 are qualified as C6-AFFFs and are therefore still allowed to be used until the dates outlined above.

Aberdeen Foam AFFFs also comply with IMO Resolution MSC.1/Circ.532(107).

For further information and to keep updated on all developments, please contact us using the details below or visit firefightingfoam.com/c6-compliant/

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