



UK firefighting foam regulations update:
HSE consultation period
August 2025 - February 2026

firefightingfoam.com

Introduction

The UK Health and Safety Executive has just entered a 6 month consultation period about their preferred approach to PFAS in firefighting foams.

Essentially, this aligns with the new EU legislation which is expected to enter into force in 2026. The main differences are allowing a 5 year transition period for civilian ships and a similar period for UK military installations.

The HSE proposes that **Offshore installations and Seveso III/COMAH sites will have a 10 year transition period** before it is necessary to change to a Fluorine Free Foam.

Suggested transitional periods for use:

Sector/use	Proposed UK HSE Transitional period from entry into force
Portable fire extinguishers	6 months (market withdrawal) 5 years (in use)
COMAH sites (except for those covered by arrangements for aviation)	10 years
Training & testing (except testing of firefighting systems for function)	18 months
Fire & rescue services (except for attending COMAH sites)	18 months
Civilian boats	5 years
Civilian aviation sites	5 years
Defence (except for military vessels)	5 years
Military vessels	10 years
Offshore Oil & Gas installations	10 years
All other uses	5 years

What to do next

1

Download our guide

Visit C6.firefightingfoam.com to download our straightforward guide to the new regulations.

2

Watch our video

Alternatively, you can watch our short informative video on this topic on our video page at firefightingfoam.com/knowledge-base/videos

3

Get in touch

If you would prefer to talk to someone, you can call us on 01561 361515 or email technical@firefightingfoam.com. You can also organise a meeting during Offshore Europe or just pop past our stand and ask us your questions,



Oil Technics (Fire Fighting Products) Ltd

Linton Business Park, Gourdon,
Aberdeenshire, Scotland UK DD10 0NH

T: +44 (0) 1561 361515

E: info@firefightingfoam.com W: firefightingfoam.com



FM 696382 EMS 696323

œUK



SEQual

