

# Management of toxic substances by Groupe Renault Example of PFAS in vehicle parts

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**02** Networking of the subject of substances in the Renault Group

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# 01

Main regulations substances world  
The case of PFAS families

# Major regulations

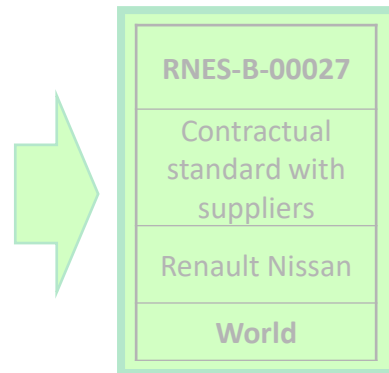
## REACH Europe

REACH Europe, Candidate List	REACH Europe, Authorisation (Annex XIV)	REACH Europe, Restriction (Annex XVII)	Waste Framework Directive=>SCIP
Registration	Evaluation	Authorisation and restriction of	Chemical substances N°1907/2006
<b>Report</b> substances contained in items (exhibits)	<b>Prohibition</b> of manufacture in Europe with these substances	Highly variable	<b>Declare</b>
<b>sold in Europe</b>	<b>european-made</b>	<b>manufactured and/or sold in Europe</b>	<b>sold in Europe</b>
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## Copies of REACH

REACH UK <i>New!</i>	Korean REACH	KKDIK= Turkish REACH
	?	?
UK	Korea	Turkey
	?	?

Anticipative standard



## The many other regulations

POP
Persistent Organic Pollutants
<b>prohibition</b>
Local <b>Global</b> Engagement
26 families

ELV (heavy metals)
End-of-Life Vehicles (2000/53)
<b>Prohibition</b> , except 20 uses of lead
<b>Europe (+ Korea)</b>
"4 heavy metals"

BPR (biocides)
Biocidal Product Regulation
The substance is authorized for biocidal use in certain types of products
<b>Europe</b>
?

AGEC <i>New!</i>
Anti-Gaspiilage for a Circular Economy
<b>Declare</b>
<b>sold in France</b>
226 (223 SVHC + 3 )

# PFAS:

## A test case for changing the way of regulation

## Assess PFAS to be regulated

Authorities review ECHA's registration database

- But there are more than 2000 PFAS marketed

The sub-group approach covered only the most urgent cases.

## The "CSS" tests a holistic approach:

**Eliminate all PFAS all at once.**

**Allow their use only when it is proven that they are irreplaceable** (and essential to society)





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## Anticipative standard



<b>RNES-B-00027</b>
Contractual standard with suppliers
Renault Nissan
World

PFHxS 2023	PFCA 2026?	PFHxA 2028?	PFAS 2029?
POF	POP	POP	POP
PFOS 2009			
prohibition			
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# 02

Network organization of the subject substances  
In the Renault Group

# Organization in network substances, to design «Safe» cars

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Professional  
Associations  
&  
Consortia

ACEA



Design department

Expertise

Affairs  
Public

Material &  
Substance  
specialists

Responsible for  
Homologation/Compliance  
Pilot for environment  
objective in  
each new vehicle

Correspondents  
engineering

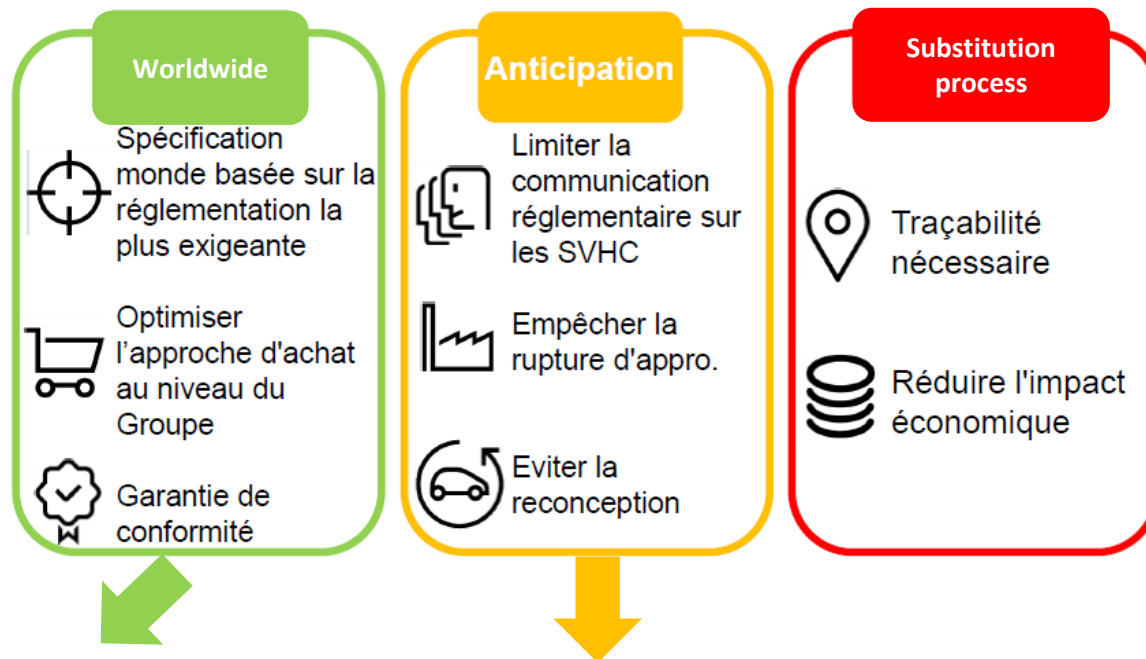
Management  
Regulation





# The tools:

## 1-A substance policy for parts & vehicles:



Global regulatory base

We anticipate 7 years ahead  
to avoid re-designing in «serial life»

## 2-A contractual substances standard with suppliers

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(RNES)  
Material engineering  
RNES-B-00027 v6.0

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IMPORTANT PART SYMBOL

Title: Prohibited or restricted substances in parts – List and declaration modes

Group No.	Group of substances	Substance name	CAS No.	RECORDS	Classification REACH/1/2/3/4/5
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8,10,10,11,11,12,12-dodecafluorododecyl bromide	3351-15-4		0
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	Dodecafluoro-11-difluoromethylphosphonic acid	16286-96-7		0
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	Hexadecafluoro-15-difluoromethylphosphonic acid	18529-09-4		0
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	Perfluorooctyl 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8,10,10,11,11,12,12-dodecafluorododecyl ether	307-71-1		0
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	Hexadecafluoro-15-difluoromethylphosphonic acid	3030-43-7		0
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	Hexadecafluoro-15-difluoromethylphosphonic acid	3761-74-4		0
247	PFCA (C8-C14) and their salts	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8,10,10,11,11,12,12-dodecafluoro-11-difluoromethylphosphonic acid, compound with diphenyl (1:1)	38916-87-0		0

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Includes "GADSL"  
automotive list

### 3-A DATABASE FILLED BY SUPPLIERS

#### STRUCTURE OF SUBSTANCE INFORMATION

Vehicle



Part



Component



Material

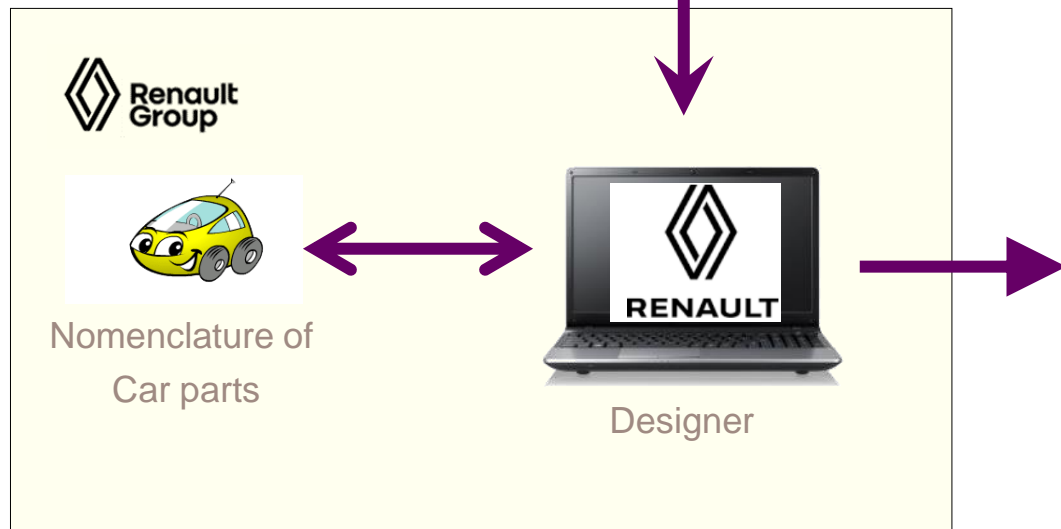
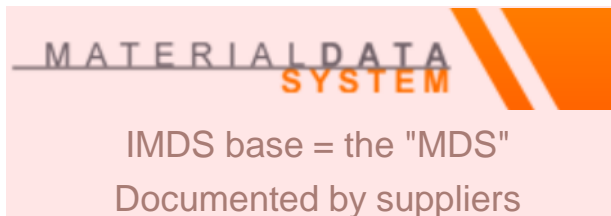


Substance

*In IMDS*

# REGULATORY TRACEABILITY

Internet



## "Regulatory" declarations of REACH-SVHC substances



# 03

When to replace a substance  
in car parts?

# NEED TO ARRANGE SUBSTITUTION

Duration of substitution depends on each case

Minimum: 2 years to validate the solution in laboratory, 18 months to deploy industrially.

→ We're looking for a seven-year window

STEP 1

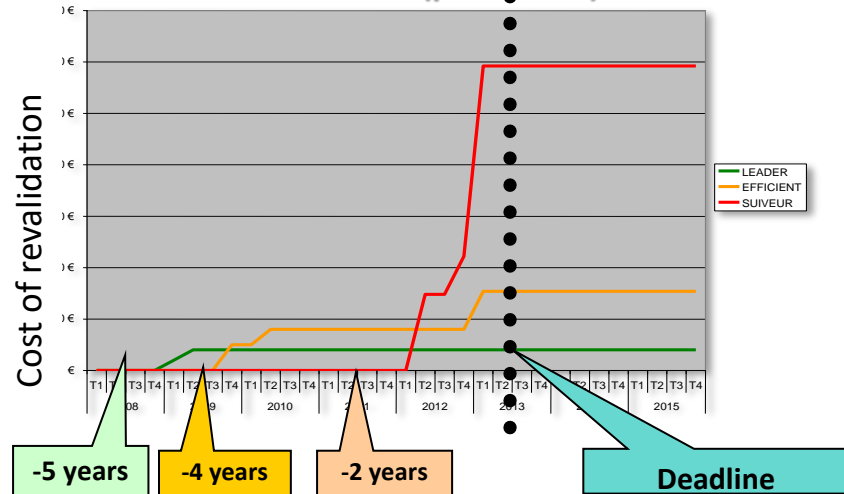


STEP 2

At least 2 years



Example: deploying a dashboard modification (plasticizer)



## 04

The case of PFAS

# HISTORY OF FLUORINATED POLYMERS

Polymères fluorés :  
synthèses, propriétés et applications

**Bruno Ameduri\*, Bernard Boutevin\***

L'ACTUALITÉ CHIMIQUE • FÉVRIER 2000

<b>1<sup>re</sup> Génération : homopolymères fluorés</b>	
<b>1934-1938</b>	PCTFE ( $C_2F_3Cl$ ), PTFE ( $C_2F_4$ )
<b>1950</b>	PVDF ( $C_2H_2F_2$ ), PVF ( $C_2FH_3$ ), PTrFE ( $C_2F_3H$ )
<b>2<sup>e</sup> Génération : copolymères fluorés</b>	
<b>1950-1960</b>	VDF-CTFE ( $C_2H_2F_2 - C_2F_3Cl$ ) VDF-HFP ( $C_2H_2F_2 - C_3F_6$ ) FEP ( $C_2F_4 - C_3F_6$ ) PFA ( $C_2F_4 - CF_2=CF-OC_3F_7$ )
<b>1980</b>	ETFE ( $C_2H_4 - C_2F_4$ ) E-CTFE ( $C_2H_4 - C_2F_3Cl$ ) Elastomères (voir <i>tableau III</i> ) Copolymères d'acrylates fluorés
<b>1989</b>	Copolymères amorphes transparents : Cytop® et Teflon® AF (voir <i>tableau V</i> )
<b>3<sup>e</sup> Génération : polymères fonctionnels fluorés</b>	
<b>1980</b>	Membranes échangeuses d'ions Peintures réticulables à température ambiante
<b>1995</b>	Résines et élastomères réticulables

**Today: essential in batteries, fuel cells, etc.**



## PFAS specificities

- Several sub-families already regulated, or ongoing, so disappearance is managed

But

- The full family is huge: about 2200 marketed out of 12,000 identified
- Partial traceability in “IMDS” as the substances are not “SVHC”

## Issues for the automotive industry

- Replace short-chain PFAS whenever possible: Responsibility of polymerists and chemists
- Preserving fluorinated polymers: essential for the energy transition
- Evaluate the relevance of alternatives for air conditioning gases

# 05

## Conclusion

## Renault Group's policy of substance

- WORLD
- ANTICIPATIVE: 7 years for new car parts
- TRACABILITY & SUBSTITUTION

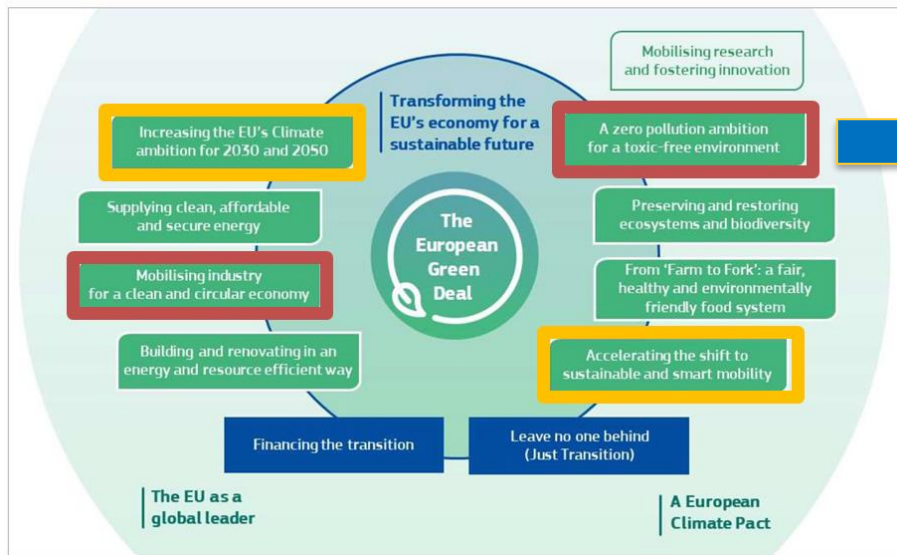
## PFAS

- Several families are prohibited or being prohibited
- The speed of banning all PFAS, without having gone through the REACH-SVHC “box”, alters traceability and does not allow for all the necessary anticipation for the industry

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# Chemical Strategy for sustainability












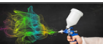
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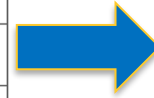


## Chemical Strategy for sustainability (CSS)

- New regulatory mechanisms prompting a 'massive test case' to regulate at once all fluorinated substances known as 'PFAS'
- Need to identify the use of these substances faster and we need transparency in the supply chain (help of other associations like CLEPA).
- Need for exemptions because some use are essential.

# AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY – EXAMPLE OF PFAS IN PRODUCTS

Example for important PFAS uses		R&D Challenges
	Sealings in Ad-Blue circuits, Fuel sender, crank-shaft	No suitable substitutes *→ Provide extensive technical evidence for an exemption
	NOx Sensors → Membranes O <sub>2</sub> Sensors	
	Gaskets for heating fuel resistance (Gearbox, power train, Injector,	
	Fuel Cell: Proton-Exchange Membrane	
	Fluorinated refrigerants	Substitution required because of CO <sub>2</sub> technology
	Chrome baths for hard chromating	Substitutes available but very expensive
	Li-Ion Batteries: → Cathode Coating → Electrolyte → Gaskets	No suitable substitutes*
	High performance lubricants	Substitutes available but with much lower performance
	Hoses (Filler neck, Turbo Charger, GPF/DPF differential, ...)	No suitable substitutes*
	Electronics, Displays, Sensors	No suitable substitutes*
	Textiles (Engine bay, Sound insulation, Interior paneling, ...)	No suitable substitutes*
	Coatings	No suitable substitutes*



## Mobile air conditioning:

### Context:

- Tonnage 5.2 t/PFAS per year
- Actual refrigerant R134a
- New vehicles with R1234yf

### Risk:

- >R1234yf and R134a are not harmful to health and not classified in a health hazard category
- >R-1234yf is environmentally acceptable.

### Alternative:

CO<sub>2</sub>, Propane

### Impact:

E compressor  
Limit of performance  
300€ per car 5 years