

Motions

Motion number	19
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	Georg Weiß
Member party	Bayernpartei
Title (of the Motion)	We demand a more conscientious approach to PFAS, a danger to us and future generations. These chemicals persist indefinitely in the environment without breaking down. Current regulations leave too much room for manoeuvre.
<p>Text of the motion: (In English; Maximum 600 words)</p> <p>The so-called "forever chemicals" of the PFAS group can neither be smelled nor tasted. PFAS is the abbreviation for per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances with very different properties. Their physical state can be solid, liquid, or gaseous, and they can be water-soluble or fat-soluble. The carbon-fluorine bond present in PFAS is among the strongest in organic chemistry. And this makes PFAS virtually indestructible (persistent). Neither sunlight nor microorganisms can harm the carbon-fluorine bonds.</p> <p>Regardless of the cause, PFAS always end up in the environment and remain there for decades, centuries, or even longer, accumulating continuously. This also affects the food chain and our bodies. A fact that has now been linked to a number of diseases and other health complications. Some PFAS are considered carcinogenic.</p> <p>PFAS have even been detected in Antarctica. PFAS are now found in many products, from baking paper to cardboard, and as waterproofing agents for clothing. This is unnecessary. But there are also applications that are difficult to do without, such as medical implants. Action is needed. A distinction in acceptance must be made. Existing regulations are not sufficient. A stricter class-based restriction on production, marketing, and use is necessary.</p> <p>Substitutes for PFAS are expensive, and an EU solo effort is hardly possible. Ultimately, a solution must be found at the international level. Negotiations between the EU and non-EU countries must be accelerated.</p> <p>Future generations and nature should not bear the burden of this issue. Taking action now would be far more reasonable and sustainable than dealing with massive problems later. If that's even possible.</p>	

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