Starting position
PFOA is of concern for the environment
PFOA fulfils the criteria of a PBT substance

Instruments under REACH

Consequences

Identification: Substance of very high concern (SVHC)
Notification: ECHA has to be notified about the use of the substance if it is manufactured or imported in volumes > 1 t a⁻¹
Information: Manufacturer has to provide information on the safe use of the substance to its downstream users, if it is present in an article > 0.1 %.
Also, consumers can ask for this information.

Usual way for PFOA not appropriate, because:
- Precursors are not included
- Imported articles are not included

Authorization: Manufacturer, importer or downstream user shall not place the substance on the market for a use or use the substance himself unless he has been authorized.

Restiction: The substance on its own, in a mixture or in an article shall not be manufactured, placed on the market or used unless it complies with the conditions of the restriction.

1st step
Inclusion in the candidate list
Reasons:
- Intrinsic properties of concern (PBT) identified
- Inclusion of precursors possible
- Inclusion of imported articles possible
- Dispersive sources

2nd step
Inclusion in Annex XIV

Inclusion in Annex XVII

Inclusion in Annex XIV