

# Replacing harmful chemicals in the textiles sector



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VOICE OF THE EUROPEAN APPAREL  
AND TEXTILE INDUSTRY

# SMEs industry...



1.7 million 

174.000 

169 Bln. 

99% SMEs, of which:



# ...(very) diverse EU industry




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# Replacing PFOA



- EC proposal for PFOA in REACH Annex XVII  
*clothing, PPE, technical textiles* are they all the same?
- Restricting PFOA, evidence for justified time derogations
- How to use derogations:
  - Research → result wide uptake across Europe
  - Next step: experts and SMEs at  MIDWOR workshop
- Towards full replacement

# Considerations



- *One size does **not** fit all*  
*PFOA, other cases e.g. solvents*
- *Stuck in the middle..*  
customer, manufacturing SME, suppliers & recipe
- **Collaboration** to use info and assess impact over **time**



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