

Chemical management progress at the adidas Group

Today the adidas Group announced a very important milestone in its journey to being an even more sustainable company.

For years, the adidas Group has been running leadership programmes in the area of chemical management. Back in 1998 the company pioneered a Restricted Substances Policy, prohibiting the use of chemicals considered as harmful or toxic. Since then, the adidas Group has continuously made [progress](#).

To further enhance the adidas Group's chemical management programme, and in line with the company's existing programmes and policies, the adidas Group is today publicly committing to two additional best practices in the industry.

Aligned with the 26 Aug 2011 Detox commitment, the next public steps to elimination of all hazardous chemical use across the company's global supply-chain are:

1. Public's Right to Know

adidas Group will deliver on full transparency of their global supply-chain hazardous chemical use. adidas Group will deliver public reporting of hazardous chemical use. Starting with at least 99% of all "wet processes" for China suppliers by no later than 31 December 2014 via the IPE Detox platform (www.ipe.org.cn/en/pollution/discharge_detox.aspx), at least 50% of all "wet processes" across our global supply-chain, by no later than 31 Dec 2015 via the IPE Detox platform and at least 80% of all "wet Processes" across our global supply-chain by no later than 01 July 2016 via the IPE Detox platform. adidas Group will ensure full details of our complete wet process global supply-chain are always publicly available.

2. PFC Elimination

As adidas Group is fully implementing the precautionary principle, we publicly promised to eliminate all long-chain (i.e. C7, C8 and longer) PFCs (defined as all poly and per – fluorinated substances and their precursors and metabolites) by no later than 01 January 2015 (across all products we produce or sell globally). The elimination of all PFCs used in any of the products we sell will be supported by:

- i. adidas Group commits to being 90% PFC free as of 15 June 2014;
- ii. adidas Group commits to eliminate any other PFCs in any of the products adidas produces and/or sells across our global supply-chain, being at least 99% PFC-free by no later than 31 December 2017;
- iii. full public detailed disclosure on our main public website of all PFC use by no later than 31 December 2017;

- iv. document how PFCs have been substituted by safer alternatives and publish these case studies via the online [Subsport.org](https://www.subsport.org) platform;
- v. a rigorous system of control to ensure that no traces of PFCs find their way into our supply chain in line with the above;
- vi. work in partnership with our supply chain and other global industry leaders to accelerate the move to non-PFC technologies.