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The Commission is aware that the Industrial Emissions Portal Regulation (IEPR)¹ provides aggregated information on fluorinated gases (F-gases), including any reported emissions from facilities in Sicily.

The Regulation (EU) 2024/573 on fluorinated greenhouse gases² has reinforced rules on measures to be taken to prevent emissions for all F-gases. Intentional emissions are prohibited, and operators need to take all measures that are technically and economically feasible to prevent emissions that are technically necessary for the intended use. Similarly, all necessary precautions to prevent release need to be taken during production, storage, transport and transfer of gases, and leakage needs to be minimised and repaired when detected. A strong legal framework for the covered gases is therefore firmly in place. The Commission does not have any infringement cases against Italy in relation to the F-gas Regulation.

Four Member States and Norway submitted a restriction dossier covering all per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the Regulation for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)³. The scientific assessment is on-going at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the Commission will receive an opinion by the end of 2026. The Commission will prepare a restriction proposal as soon as possible after receiving the opinion. This restriction will complement existing ones on PFAS such as the restriction on PFHxA, adopted in 2024 or the restriction of PFAS in firefighting foams adopted in 2025.

¹ The Industrial Emissions Portal Regulation (IEPR) replaced the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Regulation (E-PRTR). <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1244/oj>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/573/oj/eng>.

³ Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02006R1907-20250901>).