



Legal requirements for Foam Fire Extinguishers including Foam P50

Situation – In 2014, concerns were raised regarding the additives, known as ‘forever chemicals’ used in foam extinguishers. This resulted in a ban of the production of foam fire extinguishers and complete cessation of the use of the substance PFOA.

The official, complete ban of the chemical called PFOA, takes effect on 4 July 2025, aligning it with growing global efforts to eliminate persistent organic pollutants that pose serious environmental and health risks.

There is further change in legislation will result in foam extinguishers that use an additive called PFAS being banned. This is not expected to be ratified until 2026, with a ban and removal of PFAS extinguishant not likely until circa 2030/31.

Action - Our main suppliers of foam extinguishers will have provided extinguishers which do not contain the banned additive PFOA. Although they may contain the PFAS additive which will be banned in the future.

To ensure that all extinguishers remain compliant, every site must return all extinguishers to the supplier once the project is complete. For new projects, refrain from using re-circulated foam extinguishers direct from other projects

Bull products’ 360 service will take back any extinguisher, check it, dispose of any non-compliant extinguisher, place into MSC stock, & then re-issue to a new project as required. This process ensures every extinguisher is compliant and working correctly.

This is also required for any P50 Foam extinguishers



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How to recognise new Foam Extinguishers



The words:
Fluorine Free
Foam Spray



A circular green disk
Printed on the side of
the extinguisher.



On P50's, the words
Fluoro-free foam.
Request P50-B-FOAM
For your projects.



The words
'enviroFoam' printed
On the extinguisher
body



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