

# PFAS in Firefighting Foam: What UK Businesses Need to Know – OHEAP Fire & Security Confirms No Need to Panic

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With continued headlines about PFAS in firefighting foam and confirmed regulatory changes in the EU, [OHEAP Fire & Security](#) is urging UK businesses not to panic. As one of the UK's leading fire safety specialists, OHEAP Fire & Security is reassuring customers that no UK ban is currently in place, and no UK-based organisation is required to replace PFAS-containing extinguishers at this time.

## EU Regulations vs UK Position, Understanding the Facts

The EU has recently introduced a PFAS ban under *Regulation 2025/1988*, which came into force on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025. This change includes:

- A ban on selling PFAS-containing foams after 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2030
- Complete removal of PFAS-containing extinguishers by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2030

However, these regulations do not apply to the United Kingdom.

The UK Government and the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) are taking their own approach. The HSE launched a 6-month consultation on PFAS use in firefighting foam starting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025, which will conclude on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Only after this review will decisions be made.

In short: nothing has changed for UK businesses, and all existing fire safety equipment remains compliant.

OHEAP Fire & Security's Message to UK Businesses: "We're Here to Help and There's No Rush"

OHEAP Fire & Security is calling for calm and clarity.

"There is a lot of misinformation circulating, and we want to reassure our customers," says OHEAP Fire & Security Managing Director, Nicholas Heap. "The UK has *not* introduced any PFAS ban, and UK businesses do *not* need to remove or replace equipment at this time. OHEAP Fire & Security will guide customers through any future changes in a planned, cost-effective way."

As trusted fire safety experts serving thousands of UK organisations, OHEAP Fire & Security is already preparing for potential regulatory updates but stresses that any changes will come with years of notice.

What *Could* Happen Next?

Although no decisions have been made, early indications suggest:

- The earliest possible UK ban would be *late 2026*
- A 5-year phase-out period is likely
- Existing PFAS foam extinguishers might not need removal until *2031 or later*

This gives businesses *plenty of time* to plan budgets, schedule replacements sensibly, and avoid unnecessary disruption.

Support From OHEAP Fire & Security

As experts with a 60-year heritage in the [fire safety industry](#), you can rely on OHEAP Fire & Security to:

- Continue monitoring all legislative developments
- Provide clear, factual updates to customers
- Offer expert guidance on replacement options *only when required*
- Help organisations transition smoothly and cost-effectively if UK regulations eventually change

OHEAP Fire & Security Already Leading the Transition to PFAS-Free Solutions

While no UK ban currently exists, OHEAP Fire & Security has already taken proactive steps to support customers preparing for the long-term future. The company has begun transitioning organisations to the Hydrex ECO Fire Extinguisher, a completely PFAS-free, environmentally responsible alternative that aligns with the regulatory direction expected in the coming years. This ensures that OHEAP Fire & Security customers can upgrade at their own pace, with confidence that their equipment already meets the highest environmental standards and anticipated future requirements.

A Final Word of Reassurance



There is no need to replace PFAS foam extinguishers in the UK right now. Any suggestions to the contrary are misinformation.

As always, OHEAP Fire & Security remains committed to keeping UK businesses safe, compliant, and informed, without unnecessary cost or panic.