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Response to the Queensland Foam Policy

On the 8th of July, the Queensland State Government in a media release announced that Queensland will implement a “strict policy with respect to firefighting foams and their environmental management” The policy requires withdrawal of existing stocks of foams containing PFOS and PFOA at commercial and industrial premises, as soon as practicable and within a three year period.

The introduction of the policy was unexpected and we have endeavoured to seek clarity on some of the content directly with the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and also via the Fire Protection Association of Australia who have issued their own announcement to the media release. To read the FPA media release [click here](#).

Chubb are one of the largest suppliers of fire-fighting systems and service in the Australian market and we are committed to helping our customers through the transition period. Our core values include environmental responsibility and our commitment to our customers and the community by providing the very best products and solutions to protect them from the risks of fire.

Chubb do not sell any foams containing PFOS and do not advocate the use of fire-fighting foams that contain PFOS. Several of our products and services include fire-fighting foams that contain trace amounts of PFOA. A list of our current foams, usage and status is as follows:

Foam	Application	Contains PFOS	Contains PFOA (trace)
Niagara	Fire Agencies, Industrial & Petro Chem	No	Yes
Chubb AFFF and Tridol AFFF	PEFS, Foam extinguishers and mobiles, Foam for industrial Class B (flammable liquid)	No	Yes
Tankmaster FP-70	Petro Chem	No	Yes
Forexpan S	Bush Fire Class A	No	No
Tridol ATF	Industrial, Petro Chem, Fire Agencies	No	Yes

We are currently reviewing this range of fire-fighting foams and expect to launch a range of fluorine free alternatives in the near future. We are also in the process of evaluating and testing alternative foams for use in our PEFS system (Vehicle fire suppression system) and our portable and mobile fire extinguishers.

In regards to Vehicle fire suppression systems, the new edition of AS5062 was published last week. The standard now incorporates two new test requirements for foam water spray systems. One of the tests is a 90 day agent stability test that is designed to prove the suitability and performance of liquid agents which are pre-mixed. Chubb do not believe that the available “non-persistent (fluorine-free) foams” mentioned in 6.2.5 of the new policy would pass this test and we are encouraging our customers to consider all of the replacement options carefully before making a decision. To read more about the new test requirements in AS5062-2016 [click here](#).

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