

Make. Water Resilience. Happen. In Europe

Keep PVC Pipes and Fittings Compliant



COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY
IN PIPE SYSTEMS

NOTIFICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING: **ACT NOW**

PVC Pipes and Fittings Deliver Water Resilience

Water resilience is not only a high-level policy objective, but also delivered through compliance with legislation which ensures safe and durable infrastructure that carries, protects and treats water every day.

PVC pipes and fittings support efficient water networks and deliver:

- Affordable infrastructure: long service-life and corrosion resistance with reduced maintenance needs
- Less water loss: durable, low-leakage networks which keep water where it belongs
- Safe drinking water: compliant materials that help protect water quality
- European resilience: secure and compliant supply chains which strengthen strategic autonomy

Compliance With EU Legislation Supports Water Resilience

To support water resilience in Europe and keep PVC pipes on the market, Industry should ensure all starting substances used to produce PVC pipes comply with the Drinking Water Directive. More specifically, Industry should prepare to notify their starting substances before the relevant deadline. For many EU Positive List (EURL) entries, the notification should be done as of 30 June 2026.

Notification is easy and free – it does NOT trigger any obligation

Notify to stay informed and retain access to the market

Notify to be on the safe side now – decide on the full application later

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

- **Positive List status controls market access.** Starting substances must be listed and used according to applicable conditions and limits.
- **Expiry dates matter.** Many entries expire on 31 December 2028; without timely action, these substances will be removed from the EURL and future use may be prohibited.
- **Notification comes first.** A Drinking Water Directive application can only follow a notification of intention, normally by the same EU-based legal entity.
- **Notification does not cost anything and keeps options open.** Notifying does not automatically oblige the notifier to submit a full application, and allows to stay informed and to coordinate with other producers and suppliers.
- **No notification today may mean no legal use tomorrow.** Supply-chain continuity depends on early notification, coordination and preparation for application where needed.

Protect PVC pipes and fittings for safe, affordable and resilient water infrastructure in Europe
CHECK. NOTIFY. COORDINATE. APPLY.

1. CHECK

Is your substance on the European Positive List? Check limits, conditions and expiry date.

2. NOTIFY

Prepare and submit the notification of intention in IUCLID as close as possible to 12 months before the submission deadline for the application (as of 30 June 2026 if expiry date is end 2028).

3. COORDINATE

Align with suppliers and customers on who will notify and how data may be shared.

4. APPLY

Where needed, prepare identity, hazard, exposure and use data to prepare and submit the full application by the deadline (30 June 2027 if expiry date is end 2028).

Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) is notified already – other starting substances need to ACT NOW!

ECVM members have already ensured notification of VCM and are preparing the application for submission by June 2028. VinylPlus is also supporting advocacy efforts to ensure mandatory data- and cost-sharing requirements, as well as extended transition periods and expiry dates are considered in the next revision of the Drinking Water Directive.