

EU Amends POPs Regulation Concerning 5 Chemicals

On 28 October 2025, the European Commission published a “**Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/1482**” amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as regards the persistent organic pollutants: tetrabromodiphenyl ether, pentabromodiphenyl ether, hexabromodiphenyl ether, heptabromodiphenyl ether and decabromodiphenyl ether.

Substantial Changes

Point 2 in the 4th column for each of the following chemicals in “**POPs Annex I Part A table**” is amended with the following replaced sum of the concentrations:

Entry	Chemicals	Upon Entry of Force	As of 2025-12-30	As of 2027-05-17	As of 2027-12-30
(1)	Tetrabromodiphenyl ether C ₁₂ H ₆ Br ₄ O	(a) 10 mg/kg; (b) and (c) 500 mg/kg	(b) and (c) 350 mg/kg	(c) 10 mg/kg	(b) 200 mg/kg
(2)	Pentabromodiphenyl ether C ₁₂ H ₅ Br ₅ O				
(3)	Hexabromodiphenyl ether C ₁₂ H ₄ Br ₆ O				
(4)	Heptabromodiphenyl ether C ₁₂ H ₃ Br ₇ O				
(5)	Bis(pentabromophenyl) ether (decabromodiphenyl ether; decaBDE)				

(a) where they are present in mixtures or articles, except for food contact materials subject to Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004;

(b) where they are present in mixtures or articles containing or made of recovered material containing tetra-, penta-, hexa-, hepta- or decaBDE, except for food contact materials subject to Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004;

(c) where they are present in toys subject to Directive 2009/48/EC, or in any product facilitating children's seating, sleep, relaxation, hygiene, changing and general body care, feeding, sucking, transportation and protection, containing or made of recovered material containing tetra-, penta-, hexa-, hepta- or decaBDE, except for food contact materials subject to Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004.

Effective Date

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Reference

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