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EU issued revised POPs regulation to adjust the control limit of hexachlorobenzene

On November 23, 2022, the European Union published in its official gazette the revised Regulation (EU) 2022/2291 of the new EU POPs Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, which revised the control limit of hexachlorobenzene in Annex I. This revised regulation will come into force on the 20th day after it is published in the official gazette of the European Union. The specific amendments are as follows:

Substance	Control requirements (before revision)	Control requirements (revised)
Hexachlorobenzene CAS:118-74-1	Prohibition	10mg/kg(0.001%)
Substance use: as impurities exists in polychlorinated biphenyl products, dye carriers, bactericides, flame retardants and chemical intermediates. These include pesticides, chlorinated solvents, inks, paints, paints and toners, wood applications, textile applications, and plastics.		

Pursuant to Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, the manufacturing, placing on the market and use, whether on their own, in mixtures or in articles, of substances listed in Annex I to that Regulation are prohibited. Hexachlorobenzene is listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 without an Unintentional Trace Contaminant (UTC) limit value.

The Commission has determined the presence of hexachlorobenzene as an impurity in some substances, mixtures and articles, including pesticides, chlorinated solvents, inks, coatings, paints and toners, wood application, textile application and plastics. In order to clarify the legal situation and facilitate enforcement as regards the use of substances, mixtures or articles containing hexachlorobenzene as an unintentional trace contaminant, a UTC limit of 10 mg/kg (0,001 % by weight) should be set for hexachlorobenzene.

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