

Norway Proposes Stricter Requirements for Hazardous Substances in Consumer Products

Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT) has adjusted its proposals on the Prohibition on Certain Hazardous Substances in Consumer Products.

In May 2007, the Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT) sent out a proposal for comments to the Prohibition on Certain Hazardous Substances in Consumer Products which suggested a ban on 18 hazardous substances in consumer products. After reviewing and considering the responses received, SFT has adjusted its proposals. The SFT now suggests waiting for EU regulations for some of the substances while maintaining its proposal for stricter content requirements of 10 substances in consumer products which are deemed to be particularly harmful to health and environment—so-called prioritized hazardous substances.

The proposal would ban the following 10 hazardous substances:

- Medium-chain chlorinated paraffins (MCCP)
- Bisphenol A
- Muskxylene
- Triclosan
- The perfluorinated compound PFOA
- The brominated flame retardant HBCDD
- Pentachlorophenol
- The heavy metals lead, cadmium, arsenic and their compounds.

The proposed ban would include production, imports, exports and trade of consumer products that contain one or more of the ten substances when the substance content in the product exceeds or is equal to established limit values. Consumables, food packaging, fertilizer, tobacco and medicines, which are regulated by other legislation, would not be subject to this ban.

SFT is waiting for the results of ongoing separate processes in the EU with regard to the phthalate DEHP, organotin compounds and the brominated flame retardant TBBPA before proposing national regulations for these substances. SFT also suggests leaving muskxylene and tensides out of the evaluation as new information suggests that there is no risk associated with these substances.

Link to the proposed regulation:

[Norwegian Product Regulations - Appendix 5](#)

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