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Commenting on decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) is discontinued

Norway has submitted a proposal to add decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE) to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. According to this proposal the commercial mixture consists primarily of the fully brominated decaBDE congener (EC 214-604-9) in a concentration range of 77.4 – 98.0 %.

To align the actions within the European Union with the fact that decaBDE will be considered under the Stockholm Convention, the European Commission has requested ECHA to start the preparation of an Annex XV restriction dossier on decaBDE in accordance with Article 69(1) of the REACH Regulation. The intention to prepare such a restriction dossier will be published in the Registry of Intentions in due time.

To avoid a situation where the outcome of the restriction process is not known with regard to which uses will still be permitted in the EU when at the same time the potential applicants for authorisation need to decide whether to apply for authorisation, ECHA has decided to refrain from including decaBDE in its 5th draft recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (List of substances subject to authorisation). **Therefore, there is no possibility to provide comments on decaBDE during this public consultation.** It is noted that as part of the future restriction process further public consultations will be held (for more information, please refer to

<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/regulations/reach/restrictions/restriction-procedure/restrictions-process>).