

**Statement on: *Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) Chemicals under TSCA Section 6(h)***

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your request regarding **Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) Chemicals under TSCA Section 6(h)**.

We are pleased to declare as follows:

1. As far as we can, we observe current developments in the field of „Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 6(h)“ as well as related aspects in order to be able to respond to any requirements.
2. Please note that our company **does not fall within the scope of „TSCA Section 6(h)“**.

Since „TSCA Section 6(h)“ concerns manufacturing, processing, distribution and import restrictions / bans on the five substances<sup>1</sup> (**decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE) (CAS No. 1163–19–5)**; **phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)) (CAS No. 68937–41–7)**; **2,4,6-Tris(tert-butyl)phenol (2,4,6-TTBP) (CAS No. 732-26-3)**; **hexachlorobutadiene (HCBd) (CAS No.87–68–3)**; **pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP) (CAS No.133-49-3)**), companies are directly affected by this regulation who, for example, want to place products on the US market and import products for this purpose.

It is a **specific legal regulation of the USA**. „TSCA Section 6(h)“ therefore focuses on **affected economic operators in the USA**.

3. For the supply of the raw materials **qualified and trustworthy sources or distributors** are very important for us. We have known our suppliers for years and they are familiar with our quality requirements. We are also in close contact with our suppliers.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/persistent-bioaccumulative-and-toxic-pbt-chemicals-under>.

4. We currently assume that according to the information available to us, the material of the products we supply meets the requirements of „TSCA Section 6(h)”. As soon as we have any other information, we will inform you immediately.

We would also like to inform you that possibly occurring traces of the relevant substances in the materials of the supplied products are purely coincidental. They were **not added intentionally**. In fact it is often an unavoidable background contamination which is an undesirable side effect due to the high recycling rates of metals.

This statement applies only to the supplied product. Modifications of the product or material within the processing are thereby not covered.

For any further questions do not hesitate to contact us.