



Consumer products

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## EU POPs amended the SCCPs content limit in articles

14 November 2015, EU OJ 298/1 published the COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2015/2030 mending Regulation (EC) No 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants, amending Part B of Annex I the entry for Alkanes C10-C13, chloro (short-chain chlorinated paraffins) (SCCPs), amended the limit for SCCPs content in articles, allowed the production, placing on the market and use of articles containing SCCPs in concentrations lower than 0,15 % by weight


The mainly amendments are listed below:

Substance	CAS No.	EC No.
'Alkanes C10-C13, chloro(short-chain chlorinated paraffins) (SCCPs)	85535-84-8	287-476-5
<b>SPECIFIC EXEMPTION ON INTERMEDIATE USE OR OTHER SPECIFICATION</b>		
<p><b>Previous requirements:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By way of derogation, the production, placing on the market and use of substances or preparations containing SCCPs in concentrations lower than 1 % by weight shall be allowed.</li> <li>By way of derogation, the production, placing on the market, and use of the following applications shall be allowed provided that Member States report to the Commission no later than 2015 and every four years thereafter on the progress made to eliminate SCCPs: (a) fire retardants in rubber used in conveyor belts in the mining industry; (b) fire retardants in dam sealants.</li> <li>Placing on the market and use of articles produced before or on 10 July 2012 containing SCCPs as a constituent of such articles shall be allowed until 10 January 2013.</li> <li>Placing on the market and use of articles already in use before or on 10 July 2012 containing SCCPs as a constituent of articles shall be allowed.</li> <li>Article 4(2), third and fourth subparagraphs shall apply to articles referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.</li> </ol> <p>As soon as new information on details of uses and safer alternative substances or technologies become available, the Commission shall review the derogations set out in point 2 so that the uses of SCCPs be phased out.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #0070C0;"/> <p><b>Above requirement is replaced by the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By way of derogation, the production, placing on the market and use of substances or preparations containing SCCPs in concentrations lower than 1 % by weight or articles containing SCCPs in concentrations lower than 0,15 % by weight shall be allowed.</li> <li>Use shall be allowed in respect of:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conveyor belts in the mining industry and dam sealants containing SCCPs already in use before or on 4 December 2015; and</li> <li>articles containing SCCPs other than those referred to in (a) already in use before or on 10 July 2012.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Article 4(2) third and fourth subparagraphs shall apply to the articles referred to in point 2 above.</li> </ol>		



## The influence:

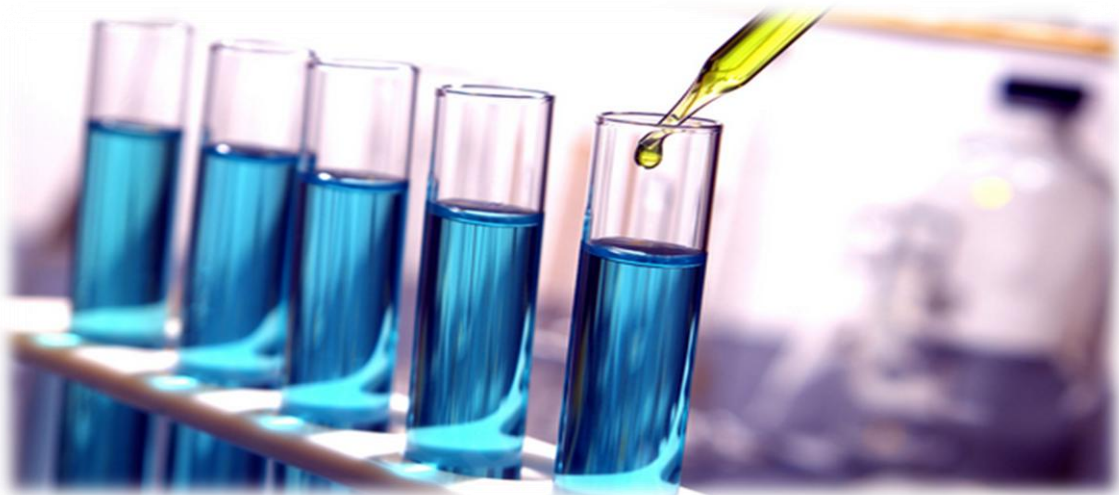
Take a recall case of year 2014 for an example:

Sample picture	Product	Recall reason
	Excise mat	The artificial leather of the bag contains short chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) (measured value up to 0,11% by weight). The product does not comply with the Regulation on persistent organic pollutants (POP Regulation).

After the publication of ( EU ) 2015/2030, the SCCPs content of above product is lower than 0.15% that complies with the POPs directive.

## HCT Solutions:

SCCPs is widely used in plastic products, and the lubricants used in metal processing, the Rubber and leather & glue products may also content SCCPs. Related enterprises should strengthen the quality control and pay great attention to the SCCPs content in the products. Also enterprises should do the product testing to avoid the risk of ban or withdrawal of products from the market. HCT has the CNAS certification and could provide SCCPs testing services to help enterprises export safely.



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