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A company fined \$253,741 for violating the five final rules of TSCA

On May 1, 2023, the EPA reached a settlement with a Delaware wire and cable production company regarding violations of TSCA's requirement to ban decabromodiphenyl ether. The company is required to pay a fine of \$253,741 to the EPA. According to the settlement agreement, the company notified the EPA before or after January 31, 2023 that some of its processed wires and cables contained decabromodiphenyl ether, and imported products containing decabromodiphenyl ether at least nine times between March 8, 2021 and January 6, 2023, violating the five final rules of TSCA and ultimately being punished.

In addition, the EPA plans to extend the regulatory compliance date for the ban on decabromodiphenyl ether for wires and cables used in nuclear power facilities to ensure the stability of the nuclear power supply chain. The ban on the use of decabromodiphenyl ether in wires and cables for nuclear power facilities was implemented on January 6, 2023. However, wires and cables for nuclear power facilities that do not contain decabromodiphenyl ether are still under development and verification. If decabromodiphenyl ether is prohibited from being used in wires and cables for nuclear power facilities, it will cause multiple nuclear power plants to temporarily go offline, thereby affecting the electricity supply to the United States. Therefore, the EPA plans to issue a proposed rule in November 2023 and a final rule in September 2024 to extend the regulatory compliance date for banning decabromodiphenyl ether in wires and cables, which has addressed this issue.

In the five final rules of TSCA, the restriction requirements of decabromodiphenyl ether as follows:

Substances	Scope	Limit	Activity	Execution time
decaBDE	decaBDE or decaBDE-containing products or articles	prohibit	manufacturing or processing	March 8, 2021
		Prohibit	distribution	January 6, 2022
	curtains in the hospitality industry	prohibit	manufacturing , processing or distribution	July 6, 2022
			cable insulation in nuclear power generation facilities	prohibit



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part of aerospace vehicles	prohibit	manufacturing , processing or distribution	January 8, 2024
replacement parts for motor vehicles	prohibit	manufacturing , processing or distribution	After the end of the useful life of the motor vehicle or 2036
prohibited from all distribution in commerce of plastic shipping pallets that contain decaBDE and were manufactured prior March 8, 2021.	prohibit	distribution	After the end of the pallets' service life

Original link : [Consent Agreement](#) ; [Proposal to extend the implementation date of wires and cables for nuclear power](#)

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