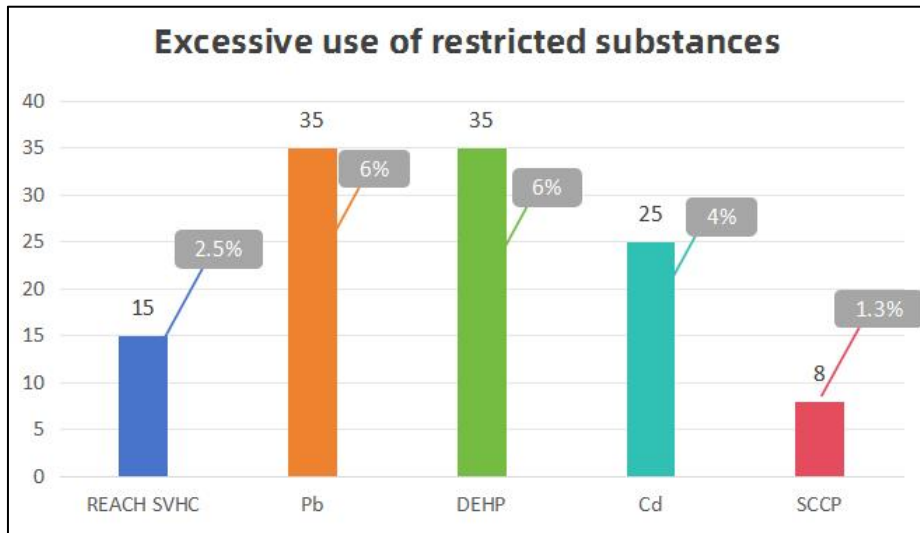




Sweden released 2024 chemical substance sampling report

Recently, the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI) released a supervisory sampling report for chemical substances in retail goods for 2024. This special operation randomly inspected the chemical composition and label compliance of 607 products from 248 stores, with a focus on low value small electronic products, jewelry, and products made of soft plastics. The inspection focused on the compliance of restricted substances in RoHS directive, REACH regulation, and POPs regulation. The sampling results are as follows:

- **Excessive use of restricted substances:** A total of 607 sampled products were analyzed for their chemical composition, and 91 products were found to contain restricted substances exceeding the limits of REACH regulations, RoHS directives and POPs regulations, accounting for 15% of non-compliant products; 35 of the sampled products contained excessive amounts of Pb and DEHP, 25 of the sampled products contained excessive amounts of Cd, 15 of the sampled products contained excessive amounts of SVHC substances, and 8 of the sampled products contained excessive amounts of SCCP. The excess of restricted substances is as follows:



- **Labeling violations:** Among the sampled products, there were 162 sampled products that needed to comply with RoHS and Toy Directive labeling requirements, 78 of which did not comply with the labeling regulations, accounting for 48%. Among them, 13 of the sampled products lacked the CE mark, and 27 of the sampled products contained restricted substances but were still incorrectly marked with the CE mark.





In 2024, the Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI) jointly launched a national special chemical spot check project with 61 cities and 71 city associations. The project focuses on spot checks on hazardous substances in small retail goods on the Swedish market. KEMI is responsible for the supervision and enforcement of chemicals, and municipalities and the Chemicals Agency are obliged to report violations of the Environmental Act to the police. According to the penal provisions of the Swedish Environmental Code, manufacturers and importers suspected of environmental crimes due to environmental violations will face criminal sanctions, and label violations will face environmental penalties of up to 20,000 Swedish kronor.

Original link:

<https://www.kemi.se/publikationer/tillsynsrapporter/2024/tillsyn-13-24-tillsyn-av-kemikalier-i-varor-hos-lokala-aktorer-2024>

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