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Stakeholder contribution for exemption 9 a

“DecaBDE in polymeric applications”

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To whom it may concern;

I am both surprised and disappointed that after all of the time, money, and research that went into the EU risk assessment of Deca-BDE that this issue is still being discussed. The conclusion of all of that work was that there is no significant environmental, health, or consumer safety risk. The recommendation that followed from that most extensive scientific study was that there is no need for any restrictions regarding the use of Deca-BDE.

Furthermore the conservative environmental institution, The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution has concluded that the small Bromine containing organic compounds once thought to be fragments of brominated flame retardants are actually naturally occurring marine compounds! They have reported that in all likelihood the suspicion over all brominated flame retardants was misguided from the onset.

I know of no other issue in the history of science where all of the evidence so overwhelmingly supports one point of view and yet the disproven and unsubstantiated counter view maintains credibility.

The European Commission should act responsibly in a manner consistent with the scientific facts and recommendations stemming from the study that they themselves commissioned.

Sincerely,

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