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Betreff: Support Deca-BDE Exemption

Dear Sir/Madam,

The RTP Company, a leading producer of engineered thermoplastic compounds, supports the Deca-BDE exemption in polymeric applications based on the following:

- 1) The EU risk assessment under the Existing Substances Regulation 793/93 of Deca-BDE has concluded that there is no significant environmental, health, or consumer safety risk.
- 2) Deca-BDE is the flame retardant with the most scientific data available showing it is safe while alternate flame retardants are unproven.
- 3) Deca-BDE's EU risk assessment recent review was concluded with no need for any restrictions on its use.
- 4) Deca-BDE has a positive impact on consumer safety as it enables a wide variety of polymeric materials to meet high fire safety standards.
- 5) Alternates to Deca-BDE are not as efficient and effective as flame retardants and do not have the same level of scientific data regarding their health and environmental impact.

Thank you,
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