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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - at 9.20 a.m. on 11th March 2025

Laid before Parliament at 4.30 p.m. on 11th March 2025

Coming into force - - - - 1st April 2025

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15(1) and 18(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (recast) (“the POPs Regulation”)(a).

The Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers have consented to the Secretary of State making these Regulations, in accordance with Article 2A of the POPs Regulation.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force immediately after the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2025 come into force(b).

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021

2.—(1) The table in Part A of Annex 1 (Substances listed in the Convention and in the Protocol as well as substances listed only in the Convention) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (recast) is amended as follows.

(2) In the entry for Dechlorane Plus(c), in the fourth column, for point 2 substitute—

“2. The placing on the market and use of Dechlorane Plus are allowed for the following purposes—

(a) aerospace applications, until 26 February 2030;

(b) space and defence applications, until 26 February 2030;

(c) medical imaging and radiotherapy devices and installations, until 26 February 2030;

(a) EUR 2019/1021, amended by S.I. 2020/1358 and S.I. 2025/296; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(b) Regulation 1(1) of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were made on the same day as this instrument, provides that those Regulations come into force 21 days after the day on which they are made.
(c) The entry for Dechlorane Plus was inserted by regulation 3(5) of S.I. 2025/296.

(d) replacement parts for, and repair of, articles in the following applications, where Dechlorane Plus was originally used in the manufacture of the article—

- (i) aerospace;
- (ii) space;
- (iii) defence;
- (iv) land-based motor vehicles;
- (v) stationary industrial machines for use in agriculture, forestry or construction;
- (vi) marine, garden, forestry and outdoor power equipment;
- (vii) instruments for analysis, measurements, control, monitoring, testing, production or inspection,

until the earlier of—

- (aa) the end of the service life of the article, or
- (bb) 31 December 2044;

(e) replacement parts for, and repair of, articles in the following applications, where Dechlorane Plus was originally used in the manufacture of the article—

- (i) medical devices;
- (ii) in-vitro diagnostic devices,

until the end of the service life of the article.”.

(3) In the entry for UV-328(a), in the fourth column, for point 2 substitute—

“2. The manufacturing, placing on the market and use of UV-328 are allowed for the following purposes—

- (a) land-based motor vehicles, until 26 February 2030;
- (b) industrial coating applications for engineering machines and rail transportation vehicles, and heavy-duty coatings for large steel structures, until 26 February 2030;
- (c) mechanical separators in blood collection tubes, until 26 February 2030;
- (d) triacetyl cellulose (TAC) film in polarisers, until 26 February 2030;
- (e) photographic paper, until 26 February 2030;
- (f) aerospace and defence applications, until 26 February 2030;
- (g) replacement parts for articles in the following applications, where UV-328 was originally used in the manufacture of the article—
 - (i) land-based motor vehicles;
 - (ii) stationary industrial machines for use in agriculture, forestry or construction;
 - (iii) liquid crystal displays in instruments for analysis, measurements, control, monitoring, testing, production or inspection, other than for medical purposes,

until the earlier of—

- (aa) the end of the service life of the article, or
- (bb) 31 December 2044;

(h) replacement parts for, and repair of, articles in aerospace and defence applications, where UV-328 was originally used in the manufacture of the article, until the earlier of—

- (i) the end of the service life of the article, or
- (ii) 31 December 2044.

(a) The entry for UV-328 was inserted by regulation 3(5) of S.I. 2025/296.

3. The placing on the market and use of UV-328 are allowed for replacement parts for articles in the following applications for medical purposes, where UV-328 was originally used in the manufacture of the article—

- (i) liquid crystal displays in medical and in-vitro diagnostic devices;
- (ii) liquid crystal displays in instruments for analysis, measurements, control, monitoring, testing, production or inspection,

until the end of the service life of the article.”.

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At 9.20 a.m. on 11th March 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15(1) and 18(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (recast) (EUR 2019/1021, “the POPs Regulation”).

The POPs Regulation was amended by the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/296). Regulation 2 amends provisions in Annex 1 to the POPs Regulation concerning Dechlorane Plus and UV-328 that were inserted by S.I. 2025/296.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument and S.I. 2025/296 together will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from www.legislation.gov.uk, and from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

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