

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are long-lasting, difficult-to-degrade chemicals—often referred to as “forever chemicals”—that accumulate in organisms and the environment and pose significant risks to human health and ecosystems. To control these substances globally, the Stockholm Convention entered into force in 2004. The European Union implements these international obligations through Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on Persistent Organic Pollutants (EU POP Regulation).

>> OBJECTIVE

You will gain a solid understanding of the Stockholm Convention as an international legal framework and of the European POP Regulation as its implementation within the EU. You will learn about the objectives, structures, and procedures of both frameworks and understand how new substances are added to the Convention and subsequently incorporated into EU legislation.

After completing the seminar, you will be able to assess when products and materials fall within the scope of the POP Regulation, identify the resulting legal obligations, and implement them within your organization. You will be able to identify POP-relevant substances, use appropriate information sources and evidence, and systematically integrate requirements into material and quality processes.

Your Advantage: Experts with many years of industry experience in the fields of materials and product compliance share their expertise with you.

>> NOTICE

This training is part of the certificate programs “Material Compliance Professional” (PersCert TÜV) and “Material Compliance Officer” (PersCert TÜV)

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>> TOPICS COVERED

Introduction and Fundamentals

- Origin and objectives of the Stockholm Convention on POPs
- Environmental and health relevance of POPs
- Core principles: elimination, minimization, control, and information exchange

Legal Character and Scope

- International legal framework of the Stockholm Convention and the role of the Conference of the Parties (COP)
- Implementation of international obligations in the EU
- Legal character of the EU implementation
- Responsibilities and interfaces between UNEP, ECHA, the EU Commission, and national authorities
- Relationship to REACH, RoHS, and waste legislation

Process for Inclusion of Substances in the Stockholm Convention

- Submission of a substance proposal by a contracting party
- Evaluation by the POP Review Committee (POPRC)
- Preparation of the “Risk Profile” and “Risk Management Evaluation”
- Decision by the Conference of the Parties (COP) on inclusion
- International and European publication in the Convention annexes

Transposition into EU Law

- Amendments to Annexes I and II
- Substance bans, thresholds, and exemptions
- Transitional and implementation obligations within the EU
- Integration into European chemicals and waste legislation

Requirements and Corporate Obligations

- Obligations for manufacturers, importers, and waste management entities
- Information and documentation duties within the supply chain
- Handling of recycled materials and secondary raw materials
- Documentation and record-keeping requirements

Operational Implementation and Integration

- Approach to assessing materials and components for POP-relevant substances
- Use of available information sources
- Derivation of operational measures to avoid or substitute affected substances
- Integration of POP requirements into existing material compliance and quality management processes

Practice and Outlook

- Current and planned substance listings
- International perspective and cooperation between the EU and UNEP

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Teaching Method

Lecture with questions and answers



Duration

240 Minutes
(4 Hours)



Max. Number of Participants

14

>> TARGET GROUP

Specialists and managers from quality management, environmental management, product development, procurement, regulatory affairs, sustainability, and material compliance, as well as anyone involved in international substance regulations and their implementation in the EU.

>> PERSONAL PREREQUISITES

Prior participation in the seminar “Background and Overview in Material Compliance” or basic knowledge of substance regulations and product conformity is recommended.

>> CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Each participant will receive a personalized certificate of attendance as proof of qualification.

>> TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

You will receive a copy of the presentation used in class as a PDF.

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