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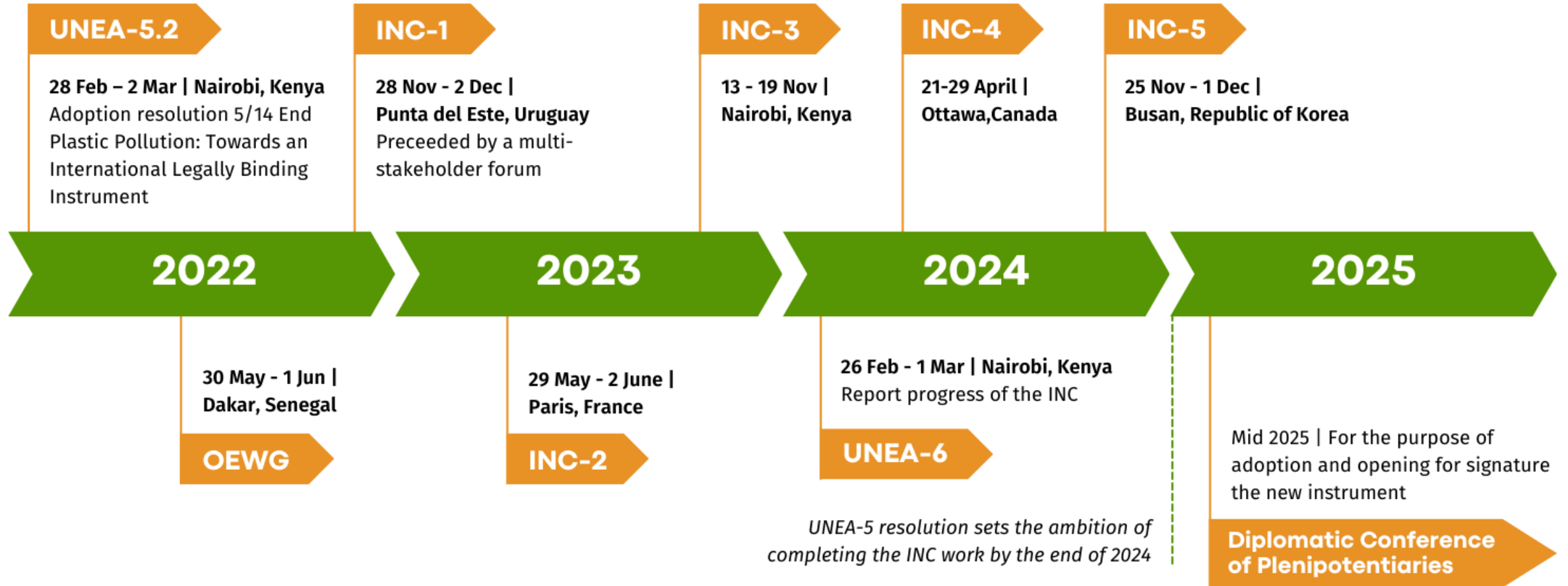
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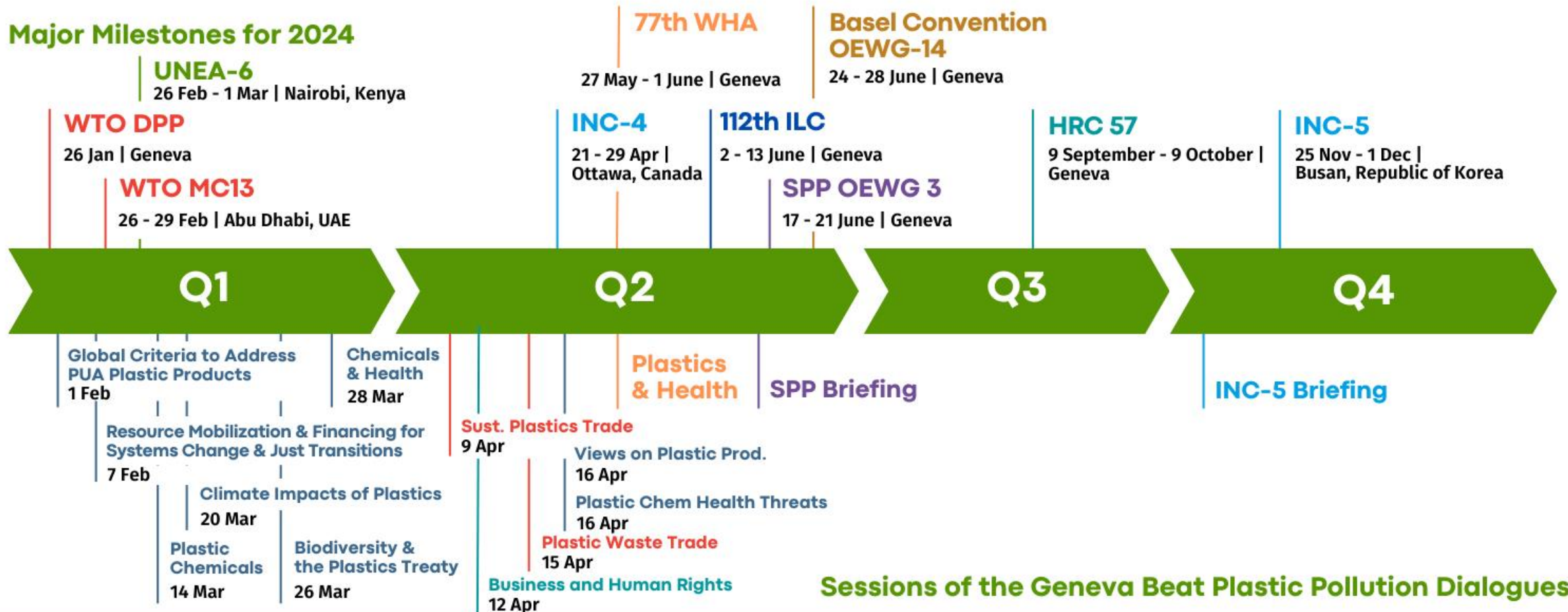
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Launch and Panel Discussion | Global Criteria to Address Problematic, Unnecessary and Avoidable Plastic Products

01 FEB 2024 14:00 – 15:30
Online | Webex
Nordic Council of Ministers, GEN

🕒 Chemicals and Pollution | Plastics | Science
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VIRTUAL

Implementing a Treaty to End Plastic Pollution: A Holistic Approach to Resource Mobilization & Financing for Systems Change & Just Transitions

07 FEB 2024 15:30 – 17:00
Online | Webex
TESS, GEN

🕒 Chemicals and Pollution | Plastics | Green Economy
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VIRTUAL

Launch and Panel Discussion | State of the Science on Plastic Chemicals: Identifying and Addressing Chemicals and Polymers of Concern

14 MAR 2024 14:00 – 15:30
Online | Webex
PlastChem, GEN

🕒 Chemicals and Pollution | Plastics
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VIRTUAL

Launch and Panel Discussion | Climate Impacts of Plastics: Global Actions to Stem Climate Change and End Plastic Pollution

20 MAR 2024 14:00 – 15:30
Online | Webex
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Biodiversity and the Global Plastics Treaty: IUCN's Proposal for a Specific Article on "Biodiversity Aspects" in the Future Treaty

26 MAR 2024 13:00 – 14:30
International Environment House I, Room 3
& Online | Webex
IUCN, GEN

🕒 Chemicals and Pollution | Nature | Plastics
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VIRTUAL

Chemicals in the Plastics Treaty: Perspectives on Protecting Human Health

28 MAR 2024 12:00 – 13:30
Online | Webex
IPEN, GEN

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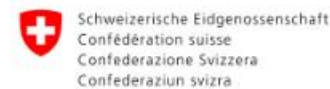
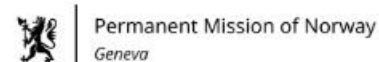


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Life cycle management of chemicals and waste

>> PLASTICS



- 191 Parties
- Environmentally sound management
- Prevention and minimization of waste
- PIC procedure for the control of transboundary movements



- 166 Parties
- 55 chemicals + review process
- PIC procedure for trade in chemicals



- 186 Parties
- 34 POPs + scientific & socio-economic review process
- Control production, use, import, export, waste, unintentional releases of POPs



Key elements under the BRS conventions relevant to the new instrument

Control of transboundary movements of plastic waste

The control of TBM involves PIC procedure to minimize unrecyclable waste movement while fostering international trade for recycling.



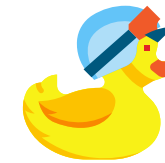
Minimization and environmentally sound management of plastic waste

The ESM of plastic waste prioritizes prevention, minimization, and adherence to the waste hierarchy.



Identification and control of chemicals associated with plastics

The mechanism to add new chemicals for control; ensure traceability of chemicals in products, articles, stockpiles, waste; reduce unintentional releases of toxic chemicals.





Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments

Annex II

Plastic waste,
including mixtures

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Annex VIII

Hazardous plastic waste

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Annex IX

Clean plastic waste for
recycling

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Prior
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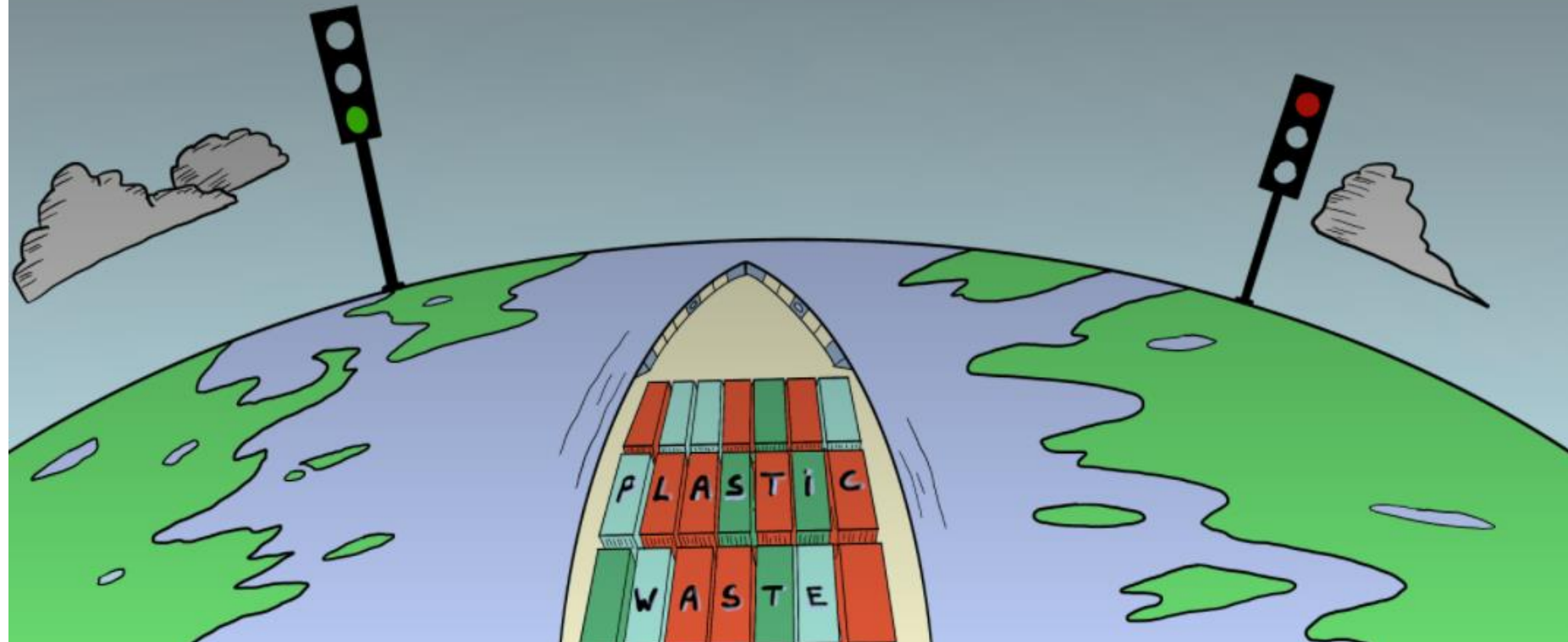
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Plastic waste and the Basel Convention

July 27, 2021



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Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management (ESM) of plastic waste (adopted in 2023)

- **Legislative and regulatory framework**

- Extended producer responsibility
- End-of waste status
- Transboundary movement requirements
- Specifications for containers and storage sites
- Plastic waste treatment and disposal facilities

- **Waste prevention and minimization**

- **Handling, separation, collection, packaging, compaction, transportation, storage**
- **Environmentally sound disposal, including recycling and final disposal operations**
- **Health and safety, Emergency response**



Chemicals in plastics: Impacts across production, use, recycling, and disposal stages

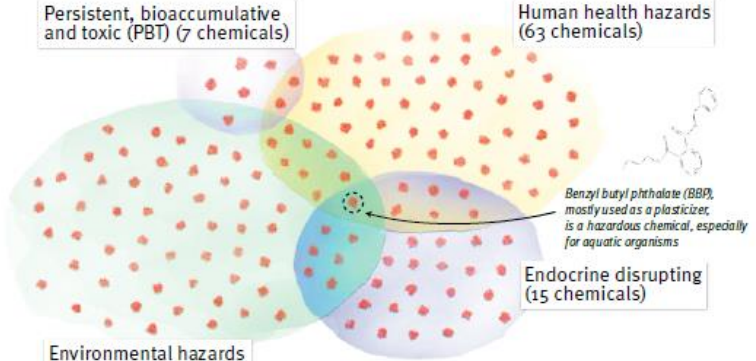
Marine Litter and Plastic Waste




Fact Sheet #5

Hazardous chemicals in plastics

A 2018 study found that 3,377 chemicals are potentially associated and 906 chemicals are likely associated with plastic packaging. Out of these, 148 have been identified as most hazardous (Groh et al. 2018).



Source: Groh et al. (2018). Illustration by GRID-Arendal (2020).

For more information consult "Drowning in Plastics - Marine Litter and Plastic Waste Vital Graphics" by the BRS Secretariat and GRID-Arendal. Available from link <https://bit.ly/3GQrZ8E>

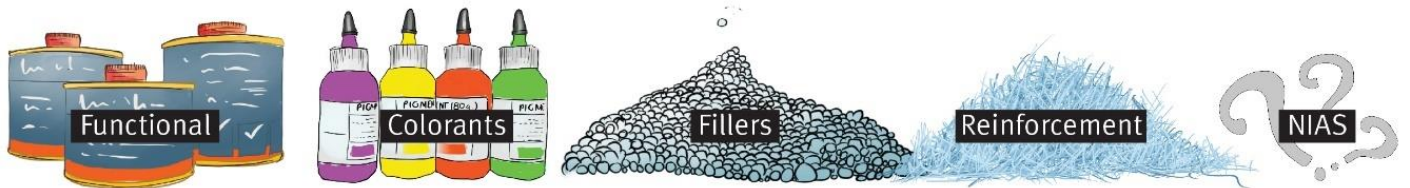
Plastic additives

Every plastic item contains additives that determine the properties of the material and influence the cost of production (Stenmarck et al. 2017). Typical additives include stabilisers, fillers, plasticisers, colourants, as well as functional additives such as flame retardants and curing agents (Figure 1). Some plastic additives are hazardous to human health and the environment (Stenmarck et al. 2017).

Leakage and degradation

Plastics are composed of chains of poly... be weakly bound to the polymers or loose in the polymer matrix. The weakly bound additives can leach out of the plastics during normal use, when in landfills, or following improper disposal in the environment (Wagner and

Five types of plastic additives



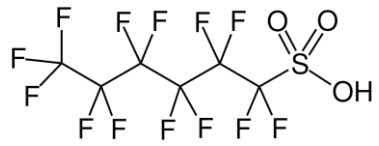
- Functional**: Functional additives include for example stabilizers, antistatic agents, flame retardants, plasticizers, lubricants, slip agents, curing agents, foaming agents, biocides, etc.
- Colorants**: Colorant are substances such as dyes or pigments added to give color to plastic. Some of them are added to give a bright transparent color.
- Fillers**: Fillers are added to change and improve physical properties of plastics. They can be minerals, metals, ceramics, bio-based, gases, liquids, or even other polymers.
- Reinforcement**: Reinforcement are used to reinforce or improve tensile strength, flexural strength and stiffness of the material. E.g. glass fibres, carbon fibres, etc.
- NIAS**: NIAS are chemicals that arrive in products from processes such as reaction by-products or break down products

Sources: Hansen et al. (2013). Illustration by GRID-Arendal (2020).

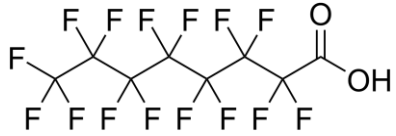


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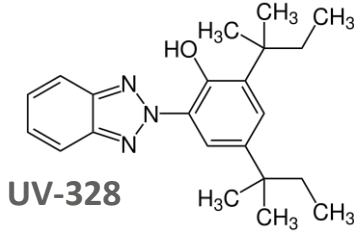
Plastics-related chemicals under the Stockholm Convention



PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds



PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds



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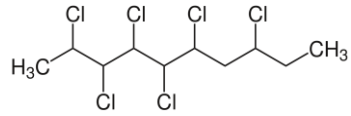
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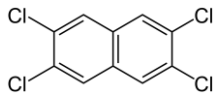
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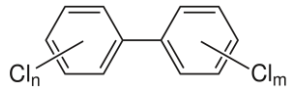
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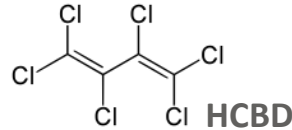
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PCNs



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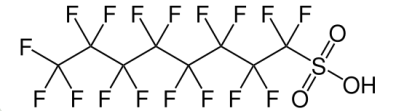
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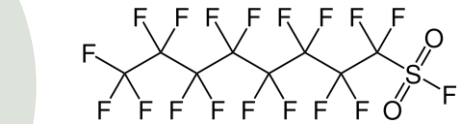
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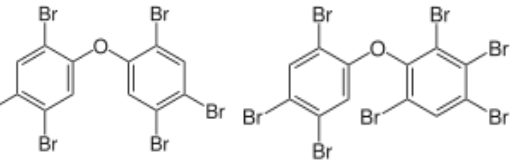
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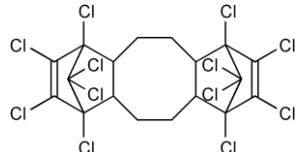
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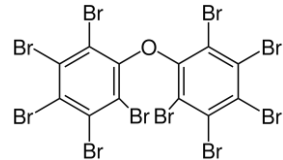
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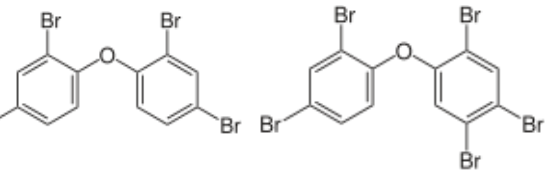
HexaBDE and HeptaBDE (C-OctaBDE)



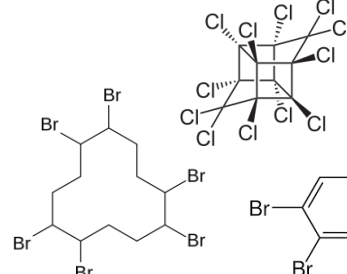
Dechlorane Plus



DecaBDE

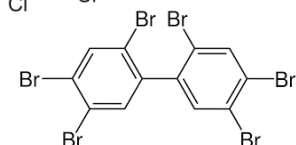


TetraBDE and PentaBDE (C-PentaBDE)



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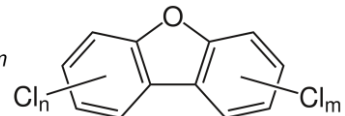
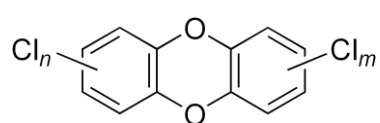
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Hexabromobiphenyl

Unintentional releases

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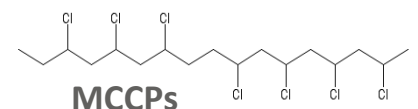
Dioxins and furans

Under review

POPs Review Committee



Long-chain PFCAs



MCCPs



Support for implementation

Prevention, minimization

- Engage with private sector, value chain
- Improve design, system, sustainability criteria

Waste management

- Technical guidelines on ESM of plastic waste – system and infrastructure
- National plastic waste inventory
- Regulatory, policy and institutional framework
- Prevent open burning, eliminate unintentional releases of toxic chemicals
- Training authorities and informal sector in ESM



Control trade in plastic waste

- Improving the PIC procedure
- Exploring e-approaches
- Training customs officers and enforcement authority
- Guidance for collecting and reporting information on TBM of plastic waste
- Regulatory, policy and institutional framework

Hazardous constituents

- Stockholm Convention
- Identification of POPs in products and articles, stockpiles and waste
- Global monitoring
- Avoid toxic chemicals to enter into recycling stream



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