

*Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under Article 18(4) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (recast), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.*

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**2026 No.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

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*Coming into force* - -

*16th December 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 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.

In accordance with Article 18(4) of the POPs Regulation, a draft of this instrument has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 16th December 2026.

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

**Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021**

2. Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants (recast) is amended in accordance with regulation 3.

**Amendments to Annex 1**

3.—(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) is amended as follows.

(2) In the entry for Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS), in the fourth column—

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(a) EUR 2019/1021, amended by EUR 2020/784, EUR 2020/1203, EUR 2020/1204, S.I. 2020/1358, S.I. 2022/1293, S.I. 2023/729, S.I. 2023/1217, S.I. 2025/296, S.I. 2025/297 and S.I. 2025/605; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(a) for point 1, substitute—

“1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) shall apply where the sum of the concentrations of PFOS and any of its salts present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 0.025 mg/kg (0.0000025% by weight).”;

(b) for point 2, substitute—

“2. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) shall apply where the sum of the concentrations of PFOS-related compounds present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 1 mg/kg (0.0001% by weight).”;

(c) omit point 5.

(3) At the end, insert—

“Chlorpyrifos	2921-88-2	220-864-4	1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies where the concentration of Chlorpyrifos present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 0.01 mg/kg (0.000001% by weight).
Dechlorane Plus 'Dechlorane Plus' includes its syn-isomer and anti-isomer.	13560-89-9; 135821-03-3; 135821-74-8	236-948-9	<p>1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies where the concentration of Dechlorane Plus present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 10mg/kg (0.001% by weight).</p> <p>2. By way of derogation, the placing on the market and use of Dechlorane Plus are allowed for the following applications—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) aerospace, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(b) space and defence, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(c) medical imaging and radiotherapy devices and installations, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(d) replacement parts for, and repair of, articles in the following applications, where Dechlorane Plus was originally used in the manufacture of the article— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) aerospace;</li> <li>(ii) space;</li> <li>(iii) defence;</li> <li>(iv) land-based motor vehicles;</li> <li>(v) stationary industrial machines for use in agriculture, forestry or construction;</li> <li>(vi) marine, garden, forestry, and outdoor power equipment;</li> <li>(vii) instruments for analysis, measurements, control, monitoring, testing, production, or inspection;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>until the earlier of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(aa) the end of the service life of the article, or</li> <li>(bb) 31 December 2044;</li> </ul> <p>(e) replacement parts for, and repair of, articles in the following applications, where Dechlorane Plus was originally used in the manufacture of the article—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) medical devices;</li> </ul>

			(ii) in-vitro diagnostic devices; until the end of the service life of the article.
Long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids (LC-PFCAs), their salts and LC-PFCA-related compounds.	375-95-1; 335-76-2; 2058-94-8; 307-55-1; 72629-94-8; 376-06-7; 141074-63-7; 67905-19-5; 57475-95-3; 16517-11-6; 133921-38-7; 68310-12-3 and others.	206-801-3; 206-400-3; 218-165-4; 206-203-2; 276-745-2; 206-803-4; 267-638-1; 240-582-5; 269-701-9 and others.	1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies where the sum of the concentrations of LC-PFCAs and any of their salts present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 0.025 mg/kg (0.0000025% by weight) (but see points 3 and 4 below). 2. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies where the sum of the concentrations of LC-PFCA-related compounds present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 1.0 mg/kg (0.0001% by weight). 3. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies to the sum of the concentrations of LC-PFCAs and any of their salts equal to or below 1 mg/kg (0.0001% by weight) where they are present in polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) micropowders produced by ionising irradiation or by thermal degradation, if such PTFE micropowders are transported or treated for the purpose of reducing the sum of the concentrations of LC-PFCAs and any of their salts below the limit of 0.025 mg/kg (0.0000025% by weight). All emissions of LC-PFCAs, their salts and LC-PFCA-related compounds during the manufacture and use of PTFE micropowders shall be avoided and, if not possible, reduced as far as possible. 4. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) shall apply to the sum of the concentrations of LC-PFCAs and any of their salts equal to or below 0.1 mg/kg (0.00001% by weight) where they are present in fluoropolymers. 5. By way of derogation, the manufacturing, placing on the market and use of LC-PFCAs, their salts and LC-PFCA-related compounds, are allowed for the following applications— (a) semiconductors designed for replacement parts for combustion-engine-powered vessels; (b) replacement parts for land-based motor vehicles that have ceased mass production; until the earlier of— (i) the end of the service life of articles being repaired, or (ii) 31 December 2041. (c) semiconductors designed for replacement parts not covered in points 5(a) and (b) until 16 December 2031.
(i) Long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids or their salts, for the purposes of these Regulations, are a homologous series of substances with the molecular formula $C_nF_{2n+1}COOH$ (where $8 \leq n \leq 20$ );			
(ii) LC-PFCA-related compounds, for the purposes of these Regulations, are any substance that is a precursor and may transform to LC-PFCAs, where the perfluorinated alkyl moiety has the formula $C_nF_{2n+1}$ (where $8 \leq n \leq 20$ ) and is directly bonded to any chemical moiety other than a fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom;			
(iii) The following compounds are not included as LC-PFCAs, their salts and LC-PFCA-related compounds: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, as listed in this table.			

<p>Medium-chain chlorinated paraffins (MCCPs).</p> <p>‘Medium-chain chlorinated paraffins (MCCPs)’ means a substance or mixture that satisfies one or both of the conditions below:</p> <p>(i) Contains linear chloroalkanes with carbon chain lengths in the range C<sub>14-17</sub> and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45% chlorine by weight;</p> <p>(ii) Contains linear C<sub>14-17</sub> chloroalkanes of the following molecular formulae:</p> <p>C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>(30-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 5;  C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>(32-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 5;  C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>(34-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 6;  C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>(36-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 6.</p>	<p>85535-85-9;  198840-65-2;  1372804-76-6  and  others.</p>	<p>287-477-0  and  others.</p>	<p>1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies where the sum of the concentrations of the following linear chloroalkanes present in a substance or mixture is equal to or below 3% by weight, and in an article is equal to or below 0.45% by weight:</p> <p>C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>(30-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 5;  C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>(32-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 5;  C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>(34-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 6;  C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>(36-y)</sub>Cl<sub>y</sub> where y ≥ 6.</p> <p>2. By way of derogation, the manufacturing, placing on the market and use of MCCPs are allowed for the following applications—</p> <p>(a) flexible polyvinyl chloride (PVC), limited to the following uses:</p> <p>(i) construction sector, including maintenance of buildings and other structures, except for flooring in indoor spaces that are not used for commercial purposes;</p> <p>(ii) wires and cables in the construction sector;</p> <p>(iii) wires and cables in medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic devices;</p> <p>(iv) calendered films in packaging, excluding food packaging; until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(b) solid woven conveyor belts used in underground coal mines, until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(c) flexible elastomeric foam for thermal insulation until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(d) adhesives and sealants, limited to the following uses:</p> <p>(i) polysulfide sealant and one-component polyurethane foam used in sealing for doors and windows;</p> <p>(ii) waterproof coatings and anticorrosion coatings;</p> <p>(iii) aerospace and defence applications; until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(e) tape used for non-structural bonding in aerospace and defence products, until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(f) fatliquoring components in leather, except in children’s products, until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(g) emergency response pyrotechnic devices, until 16 December 2031;</p> <p>(h) paints and coatings for ammunition and ammunition markings, until 16 December 2031;</p>
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UV-328	25973-55-1	247-384-8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) applies where the concentration of UV-328 present in a substance, mixture or article is equal to or below 10mg/kg (0.001% by weight).</li> <li>2. By way of derogation, the manufacturing, placing on the market and use of UV-328 are allowed for the following applications— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) land-based motor vehicles, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(b) industrial coating applications for engineering machines, rail transportation vehicles, and heavy-duty coatings for large steel structures, until 26 February 2030;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) mechanical separators in blood collection tubes, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(d) triacetyl cellulose (TAC) film in polarisers, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(e) photographic paper, until 26 February 2030;</li> <li>(f) replacement parts for articles in the following applications, where UV-328 was originally used in the manufacture of the article— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) land-based motor vehicles;</li> <li>(ii) stationary industrial machines for use in agriculture, forestry or construction;</li> <li>(iii) liquid crystal displays in instruments for analysis, measurements, control, monitoring, testing, production or inspection, other than for medical applications;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>until the earlier of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(aa) the end of the service life of the article, or</li> <li>(bb) 31 December 2044;</li> </ul> <p>3. By way of derogation, the placing on the market and use of UV-328 are allowed for the following applications—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) replacement parts for articles in the following applications for medical purposes, where UV-328 was originally used in the manufacture of the article— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) liquid crystal displays in medical and in-vitro diagnostic devices;</li> <li>(ii) liquid crystal displays in instruments for analysis, measurements, control, monitoring, testing, production or inspection;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>until the end of the service life of the article;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) water-seal tape for insulation blankets and decking on aircraft; and polyurethane and polyamide adhesives, and polyurethane coatings, for structural, mechanical, interior and electrical assemblies, and emergency, propulsion, environmental control, and flight control systems, on aircraft, until 31 December 2030.”. </li></ul>
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*[unsigned]*  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made in exercise of the power conferred by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants (recast) (“the POPs Regulation”).

Regulation 3(2) makes amendments to the entry for Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) in Annex 1 to the POPs Regulation.

Regulation 3(3) adapts Annex 1 to the POPs Regulation to the following changes to the list of substances set out in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (“the Convention”) ratified by the United Kingdom on 17th January 2005 (Cm 6581):

- (a) decisions SC-11/10 and 11/11, adopted at the 11th Conference of the Parties and notified to parties to the Convention under the Depository Notification C.N.77.2024.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 26 February 2024; and
- (b) decisions SC-12/9, 12/10, 12/12 and 12/14, adopted at the 12th Conference of the Parties and notified to parties to the Convention under the Depository Notifications C.N.542.2025.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 9th October 2025 and C.N.672.2025.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 16th December 2025.

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