Regulatory Clarity for PVC in Europe

What the Updated REACH Restrictions Roadmap Means for PVC



November 2026

Latest facts



The EU regulatory picture has changed



No broad REACH restriction currently identified or scheduled



Follow-up is targeted at specific substance groups



Current EU follow-up concerns specific additive groups – not a broad restriction on PVC as a material.

What is the REACH Restrictions Roadmap?

A forward-looking EU overview of substances being considered for possible restriction under REACH, the EU's chemicals regulation.



A rolling list
Updated as regulatory work develops



Not a ban
Being listed does not itself restrict a substance



Separate process required
A restriction needs a formal REACH proposal and assessment

PVC: From a broad case to targeted follow-up

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Restrictions Roadmap



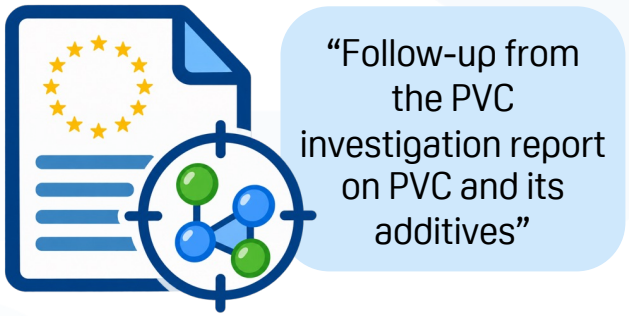
PVC and its additives listed together as a broad restriction case

2022–2023
ECHA Investigation



The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) investigated PVC and its additives and published its report in 2023

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The broad PVC case has been replaced by follow-up on C4-C6 ortho-phthalates and organotin substances

What did ECHA find out about PVC?



Risks from PVC resin production were considered adequately controlled



Regulatory concerns focused primarily on certain additives and releases



ECHA did not recommend a general restriction on PVC as a polymer

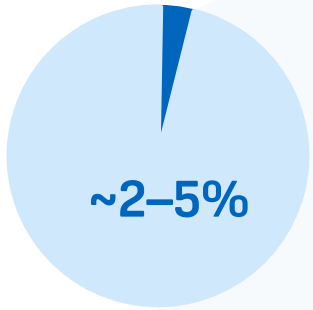
What is still under EU follow-up?

C4–C6 ortho-phthalates

- No identified use in PVC except DEHP in medical applications – subject to REACH Authorisation
- Subject to a harmonised classification under the CLP Regulation

Organotin substances

- Only very specific uses where transparency and/or high heat stability is needed
- Subject to the set-up of an Occupational Exposure Limit under the CMR Directive



of PVC volume in Europe potentially affected



These are targeted substance-specific processes – not a broad restriction on PVC as a polymer or PVC additives as a category.

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