

Changes to the GB PIC list

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) as the Designated National Authority for assimilated Regulation (EU) 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (GB Prior informed Consent Regulation or GB PIC) is making some changes to the [GB PIC list](#) of chemicals that are subject to that regulation. The changes will ensure that decisions taken to list chemicals under the Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are reflected in the appropriate part or parts of the list.

[Regulation \(EU\) 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(on legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

HSE is also updating that part of the GB PIC list which lists chemicals and articles that are subject to an export ban under the GB Mercury Regulation.

[GB Mercury Regulation \(on legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Further updates to the other parts of the GB PIC list will be made at a later date.

You can find out more about [complying with the GB PIC Regulation](#).

The changes outlined below will apply from 28 August 2026.

The following chemicals added to Part 3 of the GB PIC list to reflect their listing in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention

Chemicals in Part 3 of the GB PIC list are subject to the Prior Informed Consent procedure and may not be exported without the consent of the importing country.

Chemical	Relevant CAS number(s)	HS Code - pure substance(*)	HS Code - mixtures containing substance	Category
Decabromodiphenyl ether	1163-19-5	ex 2909.30	3824.99	Industrial
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds	335-67-1 and others	ex 2915.90 and others		Industrial
Terbufos	13071-79-9	ex 2930.90	3808.59	Pesticide
Carbosulfan	55285-14-8	ex 2932.99	3808.91	Pesticide
Fenthion (ultra-low-volume formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L)	55-38-9	ex 2930.90	3808.91	Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulation

(*) An 'ex' before a code implies that chemicals other than those referred to in the column 'Chemical' may also fall under that subheading.

As carbosulfan and fenthion (ultra-low-volume formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L) are being added to Part 3 of the GB PIC list, the existing entries for carbosulfan and fenthion in Part 2 of the list will be removed.

The following wording is added to Part 4 of the GB PIC list beneath ‘Chemicals and articles subject to export ban (referred to in Article 15 of the PIC Regulation):

‘Export of these substances is not banned where specific exemption[s] or other derogation[s] apply as set out in Article 4 and/or within the listing of a substance in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants (recast) (as amended).’

The text in the box above the list of persistent organic pollutants is amended as follows:

‘Persistent organic pollutants as listed in Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, according to the provisions thereof.’

The following entries are added to Part 4 of the GB PIC list to reflect their listing in Annexes A and B of the Stockholm Convention:

Description of chemicals/article(s) subject to export ban	Additional details, where relevant (e.g. name of chemical, EC No, CAS No, etc.)
	Dicofol EC No 204-082-0 CAS No 115-32-2 CN code ex 2906 29 00
	Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters EC No 201-778-6 and others CAS No 87-86-5 and others CN code ex 2908 11 00, ex 2908 19 00 and others
	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds EC No 206-397-9 and others CAS No 335-67-1 and others CN code ex 2915 90 70 and others

	Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride	EC No 217-179-8, 220-527-1, 274-460-8, 260-375-3 and others CAS No 1763-23-1, 2795-39-3, 70225-14-8, 56773-42-3 and others CN code 2904 31 00, 2904 34 00, 2922 16 00, 2923 30 00 and others
	Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds	EC No 206-587-1 and others CAS No 355-46-4 and others CN code ex 2904 99 00 and others
Any possible isomer of dimethoxydiphenyltrichloroethane or any combinations	Methoxychlor	EC No 200-779-9 and others CAS No 72-43-5; 30667-99-3; 76733-77-2; 255065-25-9; 255065-26-0; 59424-81-6; 1348358-72-4 and others CN code 2909 30 38 and others
	Decabromodiphenyl ether; decaBDE (bis(pentabromophenyl) ether)	EC No 214-604-9 CAS No 1163-19-5 CN Code 2909 30 38

The existing group entry for articles containing bromodiphenyl ethers in Part 4 of the GB PIC list is deleted.

As the use of the decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds is severely restricted by Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation) for all industrial use, those substances are also added to Part 1 of the GB PIC list.

[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(on legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

The following chemicals and articles are added to Part 5 of the GB PIC list and are subject to a ban export under the GB Mercury Regulation, as amended:

No.	Description of chemicals/article(s) subject to export ban(*)	Additional details, where relevant (e.g. name of chemical, EC No, CAS No, etc.)
5A	CFLs for general lighting purposes: CFL.i $\leq$ 30 watts not covered by entry 5, point (a).	None
8A	CCFLs and EEFLs for electronic displays not covered by any of the points (a) to (c) of entry 8.	None
9	Batteries or accumulators that contain more than 0,0005 % of mercury by weight.	None
10	Switches and relays, except very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges and high frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge, switch or relay.	None
10A	Very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges and high frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge, switch or relay, except those used for research and development purposes.	None

11	Cosmetics with mercury and mercury compounds, except those special cases included in entries 16 and 17 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on cosmetic products	None
12	Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics that contain mercury or a mercury compound that was intentionally added.	None
13	The following non-electronic measuring devices that contain mercury or a mercury compound that was intentionally added: a) barometers b) hygrometers c) manometers d) thermometers and other non-electrical thermometric applications e) sphygmomanometers f) strain gauges to be used with plethysmographs g) mercury pycnometers h) mercury metering devices for determination of the softening point. This entry does not cover the following measuring devices: — non-electronic measuring devices installed in large-scale equipment or used for high precision measurement where no suitable mercury-free alternative is available; — measuring devices more than 50 years old on 3 October 2007; — measuring devices which are to be displayed in public exhibitions for cultural and historical purposes.	None
14	Strain gauges that contain mercury or a mercury compound that was intentionally added to be used in or with plethysmographs and not covered by entry 13, point (f)	None
15	The following electrical and electronic measuring devices that contain mercury or a mercury compound that was intentionally added: a) melt pressure transducers; b) melt pressure transmitters; c) melt pressure sensors.	None

	This entry does not cover devices installed in large-scale equipment or used for high precision measurement, where no suitable mercury-free alternative is available.	
16	Other products that contain mercury or a mercury compound that was intentionally added: i. Mercury vacuum pumps ii. Tyre balancers and wheel weights iii. Photographic film and paper iv. Propellant for satellites and spacecraft	None

(*) The export ban shall not apply to any of the following mercury-added products: (a) products that are essential for civil protection and military uses; (b) products for research, for calibration of instrumentation, or for use as a reference standard; (c) switches and relays, cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFLs and EEFLs) for electronic displays and measuring devices, when they are used to replace a component of larger equipment and provided that no feasible mercury-free alternative for that component is available.

[GB Mercury Regulation \(on legislation.gov.uk\)](#)