



March 8, 2021

On January 6, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published final rules under Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Section 6(h) to reduce exposure to certain chemicals that are persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT). The rules identify the following chemicals: decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE); phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) [PIP (3:1)]; 2,4,6-tris(tert-butyl)phenol (2,4,6-TTBP); hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD); pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP). The final rules go into effect on March 8, 2021.

These rules introduce various prohibitions and/or limitations for each of the chemicals, including certain importation, manufacturing, use, processing, and distribution rules.

Answers to the most common questions received by Stearns are below.

- Does your company manufacture, use, distribute, process, or import these chemicals?

There are no known uses of these chemicals in Stearns products. Furthermore, Stearns does not import, manufacture, use, distribute, or process these chemicals.

- Does your company import, manufacture, use, process, or distribute any products that contain these chemicals?

There are no known uses of these chemicals in the Stearns products.

- Are there reasonable substitutes available before March 8, 2021?

Not required for Stearns products.

Stearns is largely dependent upon our diverse supply chain for relevant chemical composition, but the above information is to the best of our knowledge accurate. Stearns will continue to monitor our supply chain for continual compliance with this regulation and will inform you of any changes.

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Thank you,

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