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The situation with respect to the recast POP regulation is becoming very critical and the way it looks now it could be **very negative for the recycling of WEEE Plastics in particular and with serious consequences for the recycling of WEEE in general**. The original position of the ENVIE committee in the European Parliament was that the UTC value for concentrations of **decaBDE** should be equal to or below **10 mg/kg (0,001 % by weight)** when it occurs in substances, mixtures, articles. When this will be adopted by Parliament and Council, it will mean that **recycling of WEEE plastics will become impossible** in Europe.

EERA proposes the following amendment, which would allow WEEE plastics industry to continue to work.

1. For the purposes of this entry, Article 4(1)(b) shall apply to concentrations of Decabromodiphenyl ether equal to or below 10 mg/kg (0,001 % by weight) when it occurs in substances

1a. For the purposes of the entries on tetra-, penta-, hexa-, hepta- and deca BDE, Article 4(1)(b) shall apply to concentrations in their entirety up to 1000 ppm by weight when they are present in mixtures or articles.

This concentration limit shall be subject to an impact assessment and review by the Commission by 20XX [5 years after the date of entry into force of this regulation].

The impact assessment shall be based on the recommendations of ECHA and the Committee for Waste.

The total WEEE plastics used in EEE amounts to 3.1 Mio MT. With the WEEE some 1.2 Mio MT's comes back. Of these 1.2 Mio MT only some 0,1 Mio contain restricted BFRs which exceed 1000 ppm and need to be incinerated .

The restricted BFR containing plastics show a clear downwards trend as consequence of RoHS, in which the PBDE's were restricted since 2004.

With this amendment we believe that the PBDE's will be phased out by the Mid-2020's.

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