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## **DINP and DIDP are safe in all current consumer applications**

On 31 January 2014 the European Commission published its conclusions regarding the re-evaluation of the restrictions on DINP and DIDP in toys and childcare articles which can be placed in the mouth.

The Commission confirmed the main conclusions presented in August last year by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), which was asked in September 2009 to review any newly available scientific information relative to these two high phthalates.

The European Commission concluded that “no unacceptable risk has been characterised for the uses of DINP and DIDP in articles other than toys and childcare articles which can be placed in the mouth”. With regard to the latter, the existent restrictions are nevertheless maintained, based on the precautionary principle. DINP and DIDP are therefore safe for use in all current consumer applications.

The European Chemicals Agency also concluded that no further risk management measures are needed to reduce the exposure of adults and children to DINP and DIDP.

“The safety and optimal performance of plasticisers are essential to the numerous durable flexible PVC articles being used by millions of Europeans every day” stated ECPI’s manager, Dr Stéphane Content.

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