

Transparency requirements on chemicals in plastics will support the effectiveness of the Plastic Treaty

Plastic materials contain thousands of hazardous substances. Toxic chemicals, included on purpose as additives or as unintentional contaminants, cause harm to human health and the environment, undermine recycling operations and circular economy, and contaminate the entire value chain.

To address this problem, all stakeholders need publicly available information about toxic ingredients in plastic materials and products throughout the lifecycle. Transparency of information has the potential to unlock national, regional, and global measures to control and reduce harmful substances. It will also support countries, especially developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to apply national measures, such as production and import control, surveillance, and regulation, to reduce pollution.

Being the main source of information, plastic manufacturers should be obliged to make information about the chemicals they use for production and in plastic materials transparent. This will help them improve sustainability, become responsible, and gain trust and recognition for their efforts. Companies along the value chain, and especially downstream users, will know about the ingredients of the articles or products they use and produce, including the recyclates they apply. Recyclers will be able to handle waste responsibly and avoid producing contaminated secondary raw materials used for new products. Consumers will be able to access their right to know and make informed decisions while purchasing and disposing of plastic products.

Transparency of chemicals in plastics is a win-win situation for everyone: policymakers, consumers, businesses, recyclers, and the environment. Only with this precondition fulfilled, a safe and non-toxic circular economy is possible.

To achieve its goals, the Plastic Treaty must include ambitious, binding and harmonized requirements for transparency of information on chemicals in plastics.

We are calling on governments to:

- **Include ambitious, binding and harmonized requirements for transparency of information on chemicals used in plastic production and in plastic materials and products in the text of the Plastic Treaty**
- **Apply the right to know principle along the whole plastic lifecycle and make the information publicly available to everyone everywhere**

For more information about transparency measures on chemical ingredients of plastic see the paper: <https://hej-support.org/global-plastics-treaty-transparency-requirement-for-chemical-constituents-in-plastic-is-a-must/>



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Organisations supporting the Call

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Association For Promotion Sustainable Development, APSDHISAR, India

Aotearoa Plastic Pollution Alliance,

Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment

Association Jeunesse pour l'Environnement et le Développement Durable, AJEDD

Bali Waste Platform, Indonesia

BANToxics, Philippines

Bio Vision Africa

Break Free From Plastic, BFFP

BUND, Friends of the Earth Germany

CELA, Canadian Environmental Law Association

Center for Environment, Justice and Development,

CEJAD, Kenya

Center for International Environmental Law, CIEL

Chemical Safety Agency, Ukraine

Chemsec, Sweden

Citizen consumer and Civic Action Group, India

Citizens' Alliance Latin American Toxic-free Environment

Civil Society, Advocacy Network on Climate Change and The Environment

Clean Production Action, USA

ClientEarth

Community Action Against Plastic Waste, CAPW

Corporate Europe Observatory, CEO

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Ecoton, Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation

EcoWaste Coalition, Philippines

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IndyACT, Lebanon

International Pollution Elimination Network, IPEN

IOGZ, Instytut Gospodarki o Obiegu Zamknietych, Poland

Journalists for Human Rights, North Macedonia

Nexus3 Foundation, Indonesia

Nipe Fagio, Tanzania

No Plastic in my Sea, France

Mother Earth Foundation, Philippines

Paryavaran Mitra, India

plastic change, Denmark

Polske Stowarzyszenie, Zero Waste, Poland

Polski Klub Ekologiczny, Poland

PULAU PINANG, Malaysia

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