

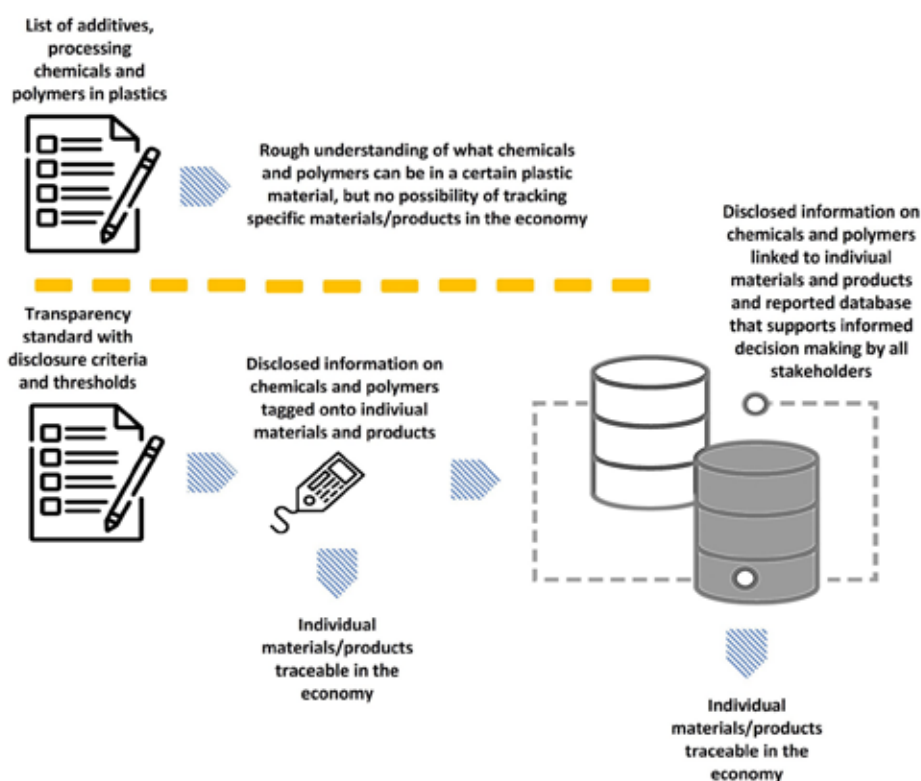
Transparency and Traceability

of chemicals in manufactured materials and products

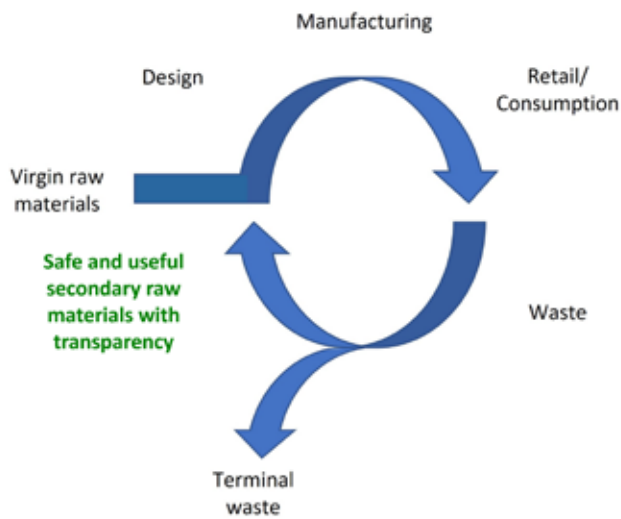
The need to control hazardous chemicals in plastics is among the critical requirements included in country submissions prepared to support the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) in developing an options paper on potential elements for the global instrument on plastic pollution. The options paper now reflects countries' suggestions and includes options for increasing chemical transparency as part of possible core obligations. However, it is essential to better understand the link between a mandatory chemical transparency standard and traceability of chemicals in individual products as a necessary precondition for a toxic-free circular plastics economy and resource efficiency.

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Chemical inventories for plastic types, or transparency standard with traceability requirement?



Traceability for individual materials/products is only possible with a transparency system/standard



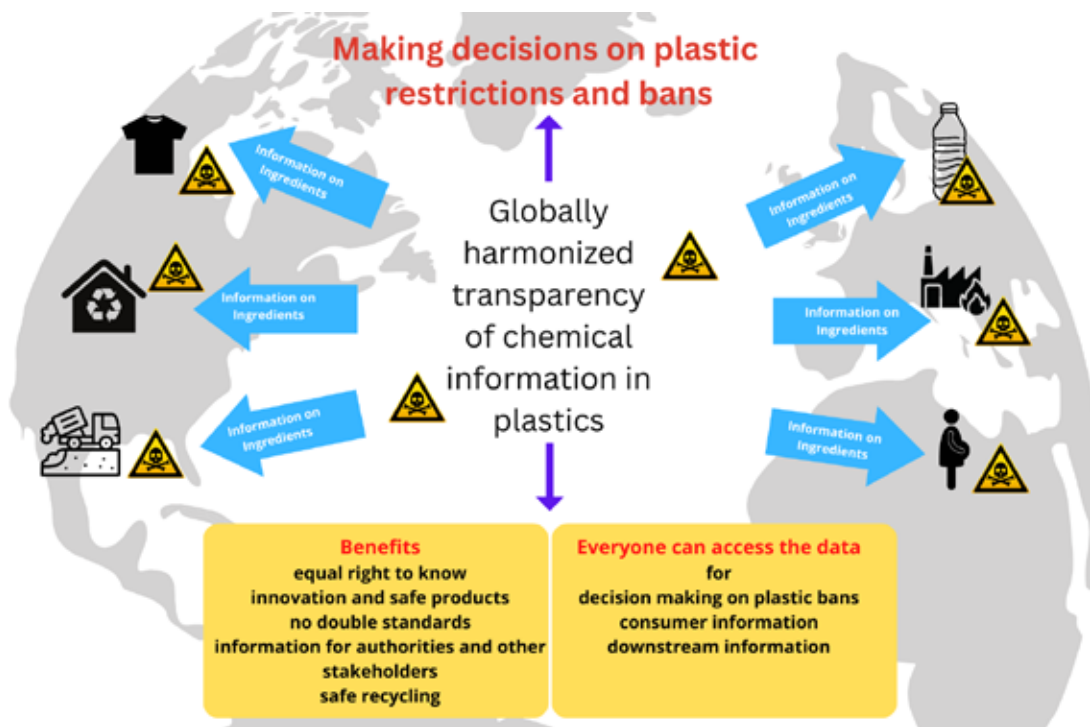
Standalone inventory lists for additives, processing chemicals and polymers potentially found in various plastic types only give stakeholders a rough idea of the chemical composition of the materials, to base informed decisions on.

A transparency standard, with a traceability requirement, will ensure that the disclosed information is linked to individual materials and products, and can be tracked throughout their life cycles.

Compliance with lists of regulated, chemicals and polymers is so much easier if they can be tracked for individual materials and products.

Transparency and traceability for chemicals in materials and products also saves time, money and staff costs for compliance verifications in countries weak in resources. It internalizes the main cost to the manufacturers.

Transparency of chemicals in plastics is the foundation of the plastic treaty to support its goal to reduce plastic pollution



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