

Useful links and resources

• Stockholm Convention

- Website <u>https://chm.pops.int/</u>
- Convention text
 https://www.pops.int/TheConvention/Overview/TextoftheConvention/tabid/2232/D
 efault.aspx
- PCB-specific material in the SC website: GO TO Stockholm Convention > Implementation > Industrial POPs > PCB > Overview
- Updated documents developed by the PCB SIWG <u>https://www.pops.int/Implementation/IndustrialPOPs/PCB/Guidance/tabid/665/Default.a</u> <u>spx</u>
- Consolidated Guidance on PCB in Open Applications published by the Stockholm Convention in 2019.

Guidance documents providing information on all aspects related to the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), including identification and inventorying of PCBs, regulatory frameworks, handling, transport, storage and disposal, development of national strategies and phaseout plans as well as advice on potential funding mechanisms for PCBs elimination. https://www.pops.int/Implementation/IndustrialPOPs/PCB/Guidance/tabid/665/Default.a spx (Click on "3. Open applications")

• UNEP's Chemicals of Concern in the Building and Construction Sector report

This report aims at providing an overview of the challenge that chemicals of concern pose in the context of products relevant for the building and construction sector. It outlines the relevance and linkages of chemicals of concern with regards to a building life cycle and highlights existing gaps, challenges and opportunities regarding the imperative of increasing circularity in the building and construction sector:

https://www.unep.org/resources/report/chemicals-concern-building-and-constructionsector

• Some examples from countries

• Unintentional trace contaminant (UTC) limit values for PCBs

The European Union (EU) has launched a consultation on its proposal to set unintentional trace contaminant (UTC) limit values for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB):

https://www.sgs.com/en-hk/news/2025/02/safeguards-03325-eu-proposes-limitsfor-pcb-under-pop-recast-regulation



• EU Construction & Demolition Waste Management Protocol

The EU Construction & Demolition Waste Management Protocol aims to enhance confidence in CDW management processes and increase trust in re-used products and recycled materials. As CDW is the largest waste stream in the EU, better CDW management can deliver significant environmental, economic and social benefits. https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/d63d5a8f-64e8-11ef-a8ba-01aa75ed71a1

- **Germany Guide values for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in indoor air** This publication is in German. However, there is a short abstract in English in the document. *Publication in the Shared Folder*.
- USA EPA: Technical Guidance for Determining the Presence of Manufactured PCB Products in Buildings and Other Structures

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/Technical_Guidance_Determining_Presence_Manufactured_PCB_Products_Buil dings_Structures.pdf

 Guidance on PCBs is available from different states within the USA -Washington:

How to Find and Address PCBs in Building Materials https://www.ezview.wa.gov/Portals/_1962/Documents/StormwaterWorkGroup/PCB %20guidance.pdf

- UNITAR PCB learning platform.
 - Modules on the National PCB Management Plan and PCB Management for Facilities: <u>https://pcb.unitar.org/pcb-elearn-pcb-management-plan/</u>
- ETI Website:
 - PCB in closed and open applications: https://www.eti-swiss.com/en/pollutants/pcb/
 - **Management of PCBs from Open and Closed Applications Case Study:** *Publication in the Shared Folder.*