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**Paxymer at COP6: Imminent phase out of Brominated FRs**

HBCD is now on the list of chemicals for imminent phase out according to the legally binding Stockholm convention. Paxymer was attending the plenary session when the decision on phase out of Hexabromocyclodecane was taken. There were also discussions among delegates regarding the potential imminent nomination of DecaBDE (Decabromodiphenyl ether) to be listed as a POP substance and prohibited in accordance with the Stockholm convention.

Paxymers halogen free flame retardant, its incessant environment focus and the company’s development strategy received great interest in the UN conference centre in Geneva. Paxymers MD Amit Paul was asked to attend the conference to introduce Paxymer during a session titled ”Good examples for POPs substitution” organized by the Mediterranean regional activity centre. Concerns from the delegates regarding recyclability, POPs characteristics and contribution to marine pollution were put to rest. Paxymer is fully recyclable and does not contribute further to the release of toxic substances in marine pollution. It contains no POPs (PBDE, HBCD, DecaBDE etc.) no bio-accumulating or toxic substances (PBT) or carcinogenic or repro-toxic substances (CMR).

The delegates were also interested in the development strategy of Paxymer. The company works with well-documented, commercially available raw materials and combine these in an innovative way in order to optimize flame retardancy. No new, potentially harmful chemicals or substances are allowed in the product development. This strategic direction further decreases the risk of adverse environmental and health concerns that might otherwise arise from new products. Something which was further confirmed in the environmental assessment by Jegrelius – the institute for applied green chemistry - that Paxymer underwent earlier this year.

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