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EU Scientific Committee confirms that TBBPA presents no risk to human health

In an Opinion published on the European Commission website¹ on 12 October 2005, the EU Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER) confirms the EU risk assessment conclusions that TBBPA presents no risk to human health.

The SCHER, a scientific expert panel reporting to the European Commission, is consulted after the finalisation of EU risk assessments. In the case of TBBPA, the human health part of the EU risk assessment was concluded in March 2005 and indicated no need for risk reduction measures.

A WWF biomonitoring study² was dismissed by the SCHER in its Opinion because it was lacking necessary scientific data: *“no information on experimental procedures and quality control is available in the document or from the cited website, limit of detection was variable and limit of quantization (sic) is not given.”*

TBBPA’s environment assessment is still ongoing and should largely be concluded at a meeting of EU technical experts in March 2006.

TBBPA’s major application is in printed wiring boards where it reacts with the resin matrix and is used in more than 90% of today’s electrical and electronic products.

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¹ The SCHER opinion on TBBPA human health risk assessment can be viewed at:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scher/docs/scher_o_020.pdf

² “WWF (2004). Chemical check up. An analysis of chemicals in the blood of Members of the European Parliament. WWF Detox Campaign. Available from:
<http://www.panda.org/downloads/europe/checkupmain.pdf> “