

Do you manufacture, import or use phenylmercury compounds?
Do you manufacture, import or use mixtures or articles containing phenylmercury compounds?

You may do, if your business involves:
Polyurethane (PU) coatings, adhesives, sealants and elastomers or mixtures or articles containing them, for example.

Please note:

There is currently a proposal to ban the following phenylmercury compounds:

Phenylmercury neodecanoate (CAS # 26545-49-3)

Phenylmercury acetate (CAS # 62-38-2)

Phenylmercury 2-ethylhexanoate (13302-00-6)

Phenylmercuric octanoate (CAS # 13864-38-5)

Phenylmercury propionate (CAS # 103-27-5)

NB: This may have implications for your business.

You can have your say during the ECHA public consultation which is NOW LIVE!!

Did you know that you can comment on, for example:

- How a ban would affect your business
- Whether alternative substances and technologies proposed by ECHA are suitable for your business

The full dossier detailing the proposed ban can be found at the [ECHA](#) website and your submissions to the public consultation can be made directly via this website. Alternatively, you can ask your trade association to submit comments on your behalf.

We would appreciate if you would also make us aware of any issues you may have with this proposed restriction. This is so that we are aware of how it may affect Irish businesses. A copy of your submission can be forwarded to the email address: feedback@hsa.ie

Kind Regards,

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On behalf of the Health and Safety Authority

Please see box below for further background information on phenylmercury compounds.

- **Norway prepared a restriction report proposing a ban on five phenylmercury substances.**
- **These substances are mainly used in the production of polyurethane coatings, adhesives, sealants and elastomers.**
- **There is a widely recognised need to further reduce mercury emissions at EU and global level.**

- The life-cycle of the phenylmercury compounds leads to a release of mercury to the environment corresponding to around 4% of the total European mercury emissions.
- Although the public consultation concludes on 24th March 2011, ECHA invites interested parties to comment on the restriction report by 24 December 2010.
- For further information, please see the Information Note given on [ECHA](#) website.