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# Dell Technologies Chemical Use Policy

In 2002, Dell formalized a chemicals management process to minimize or eliminate the use of certain environmentally sensitive materials in our products. The process began by publishing a list of substances that our customers, regulators and NGOs considered most important to manage, restrict or ban. The resulting publicly available [Dell Technologies Materials Restricted for Use](#) Specification serves as the cornerstone of the Dell Technologies Inc. chemicals management process. In addition to this supplier specification, Dell Technologies Inc. has implemented process controls and corrective actions throughout its organization and supply chain to ensure that its chemicals management objectives are met — that the targeted restricted materials are replaced and alternative materials are developed for future product generations. Process controls that Dell Technologies Inc. implemented include supplier declarations and Dell Technologies Inc. factory and supplier material testing audits.

Through this integrated management process, Dell Technologies Inc. has established a working model that can be used to make more informed decisions when new scientific findings call for alternative material selections.

Dell Technologies Inc first published a Chemical Use Policy in December 2005 to share our long term vision of our precautionary approach to chemical management. Dell Technologies Inc.'s vision is to avoid the use of substances in its products and product manufacturing processes that could potentially harm the environment or human health and to ensure that we act responsibly and with caution. We affirm this commitment in this updated Chemical Use Policy.

## Act Responsibly

To act responsibly, Dell Technologies Inc. believes that if reasonable scientific grounds indicate that a substance, or group of substances, could pose significant environmental or human health risks, then Dell Technologies Inc. should avoid using the substances. Precautionary measures should be taken — even if the full extent of harm has not yet been definitively established — unless there is convincing evidence that the risks are small and the benefits outweigh the risks. Dell Technologies Inc. considers these to be “substances of concern.” When identifying substances of concern, Dell Technologies Inc. considers legal requirements, international treaties and conventions, and specific market demands. Dell Technologies Inc.'s list of “substances of concern” all have hazardous properties that:

- Are a known threat to human health or the environment
- Show strong indications of significant risks to human health or the environment
- Are known to be bio-persistent or bio-accumulative in humans or the environment

## Enforce the Company's Precautionary Measures

To enforce the company's precautionary measures, Dell Technologies Inc. strives to eliminate substances of concern in its products and product manufacturing processes by:

- Maintaining a Banned and Restricted Substances Program
- Choosing designs and materials that avoid the use of substances of concern
- Prohibiting supplier use of these substances contractually
- Substituting viable alternative substances



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If alternatives are not yet viable, Dell Technologies Inc. works with its industry partners to promote industry standards and the development of reliable, environmentally sound, and economically scalable technical solutions.

## Compliance with International Restrictions on Hazardous Substances

Global concerns over human health and environmental risks associated with the use of certain environmentally sensitive materials in electronic products and electronic product manufacturing processes have led numerous countries to restrict the use of certain hazardous substances. To meet these requirements, we've worked with our supply chain to develop substitutions, to modify our specifications, and to verify compliance with these requirements.

### European Union RoHS

In 2006, the European Union (EU) Directive on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS, 2002/95/EU) went into effect. This important Directive was designed to restrict the use of cadmium, hexavalent chromium, lead, mercury and certain halogenated flame retardants (PBBs and PBDEs) in electronic products. All Dell products sold in the EU on or after July 1, 2006, comply with the EU RoHS requirements. As of the beginning of 2007, all Dell and EMC branded products were compliant to the EU RoHS requirements worldwide.

In 2011, the EU RoHS Directive was recast (2011/65/EU, aka RoHS 2) and went into effect January 3, 2013. Demonstration of compliance by product platform is accomplished through products labeled with a CE mark and backed by a DoC (Declaration of Conformity) signed by an authorized corporate officer. DoCs reference products by Regulatory Model/Regulatory Type which may differ from the product's Marketing Model. The product Marketing Model can be cross-referenced with the Regulatory Model/Regulatory Type via the Product Safety, EMI and Environmental Datasheet for each specific product.

In 2015, the EU RoHS 2 Directive was amended (by Directive 2015/863/EU) to restrict four phthalates by July 22, 2019. In the electronics industry, phthalates are mainly used as a plasticizer for wires and cables. Dell Inc had taken proactive steps to restrict the use of following four phthalates from our products ahead of the deadline of July 22, 2019 when the 2015/863/EU amendment to the EU RoHS 2 Directive (2011/65/EU) took effect:

- Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)
- Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP)
- Dibutylphthalate (DBP)
- Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)

Based on our precautionary approach, Dell Technologies Inc. had implemented the restriction of the above phthalates in all newly designed products since January 2015.

The recast EU RoHS also introduced a set validity period for exemptions. Dell Technologies Inc has phased out several RoHS exemptions. We make use of and need certain RoHS exemptions to build our products; however, we continuously explore phasing out additional exemptions as we identify viable alternatives.

### Other RoHS Type Regulations

In January 2016, China published the '*Management Methods for Restriction of Hazardous Substances Used in Electrical and Electronic Products*, regulation, now also generally referred to as "China RoHS II." This replaces China RoHS I and introduces a conformity assessment system instead of the previously compulsory certification



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administration. PCs and monitors are in scope of China RoHS II. Dell Technologies Inc. complies with the China RoHS II requirements.

Dell Technologies Inc. is compliant to all implemented RoHS type regulations worldwide, including but not limited to, Korea, Japan, United States (e.g. California), Ukraine, Serbia, Turkey, Vietnam, Singapore, India, Kosovo, Taiwan, and Mexico. Dell Technologies continues to monitor, influence and develop our processes to comply with upcoming proposed RoHS type regulations.

## European Union REACH

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals, EC 1907/2007) is the European Union's chemical regulation that came into force on June 1, 2007. Dell Technologies supports the basic objective of REACH to further improve the European Union's chemicals regulatory system, including the aim to advance public health and safety and the protection of the environment.

Dell Technologies meets all requirements of the REACH Regulation and is committed to provide our customers with up to date information about Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in our products, as per REACH requirements. Information on Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) contained in products in concentration above 0.1% weight by weight is available at [www.dell.com/reach](http://www.dell.com/reach). The Dell Technologies' Materials Restricted for Use Specification restricts the use of substances restricted under REACH as well as certain SVHCs on a global level.

## Voluntary Activities on Substances of Concern

### Elimination of Mercury

Dell Technologies Inc. transitioned all of its new notebook displays to light-emitting diode (LED) by 2010. In addition to the energy savings when compared to cold cathode fluorescent lamp (CCFL), LED display technology eliminates the use of mercury commonly found in CCFL. This technology has been incorporated in all Dell Technologies Inc. products such as notebooks, flat panel displays, AIO products and tablets. We still claim an EU RoHS exemption for mercury in projector lamps that Dell Technologies continues to provide as replacement lamps..

### Elimination of Arsenic in Glass

Arsenic is commonly used during the manufacturing of glass to reduce the effects of iron impurities in glass. Dell Inc began adopting Arsenic-free display glass in newly designed Dell branded notebooks in 2009. Dell Inc has now expanded its portfolio of arsenic-free glass to all Dell branded notebooks and all Dell branded flat panel displays.

### Elimination of BFR, PVC and Halogens

Brominated Flame Retardants (BFR) and Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) are used in various components, wires and cables in electronic products. Dell Technologies Inc. continues to progress to eliminate BFR and PVC from personal computing products, as acceptable alternatives are identified. These efforts aim to lower possible product health and environmental impacts without compromising product performance.



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All BFRs and PVC were restricted from the external case plastics in Dell branded products since 2004. Printed Wiring Board laminates in electronics displays are all BRF-free. Beyond that Dell offers BFR and PVC free products. In fiscal year 2021 the list of BFR and PVC free products includes:

- Dell XPS™ notebooks
- Dell Precision™ mobile workstations
- Dell Latitude™ notebooks and tablets
- Select Dell OptiPlex™ desktops
- Dell P-Series and Ultrasharp Series displays as well as selected Alienware, Conference and Consumer displays

We continue to advocate for criteria in EPEAT (and other eco-labels and green public procurement standards) when those standards award additional points to supplier product lines that are offered as halogen-reduced (e.g. halogen-free laminate).

## Engagement in Environmental Preferable Materials Initiatives

Where viable alternatives do not yet exist, Dell Technologies Inc. is working with its industry partners to promote the development of standards and reliable, environmentally sound and economically scalable technical solutions.

### ChemSec Business Group:

Dell Technologies Inc. is a member of ChemSec's Business Group. This is a collaboration among companies working together to reduce environmentally sensitive materials. The Group gathers leading companies across a diversity of sectors, for the development of effective corporate practice in the substitution of hazardous substances. See <http://chemsec.org/business-and-investors/business-dialogue/> for details.

## Verifying Compliance

Dell Technologies Inc. requires suppliers to sign a Supplier Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) to certify that all product materials comply with the Dell Technologies Inc.'s Materials Restricted for Use Specification. This technical documentation is required to release a part to production. To sign the SDoC, the supplier must certify that the product meets the latest specification, provide the mass and concentration for declarable substances above the identified threshold concentration and record any applicable exemptions. At Dell Technologies Inc.'s request, the supplier must also be able to provide further technical documentation in the form of internal design controls, supplier declarations, or analytical test data. Dell Technologies Inc. collects supplier declarations on each part in a product's bill of materials. This helps ensure that each product meets the legislated materials requirements.

An additional level of compliance verification strategy is our supplier RoHS audit program, in which Dell Technologies Inc. parts are selected at random and submitted for third-party, analytical testing. The audit is conducted on a regular basis. Samples are tested for the presence of restricted materials, including those prohibited by the RoHS Directive. The audit is used to further validate SDoCs as another measure to ensure supply chain compliance with the Dell Technologies Inc.'s Materials Restricted for Use Specification.



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## Chemicals in the Manufacturing Process

To further our commitment to safeguard human health, safety and the environment, Dell Technologies Inc has formed the Manufacturing Process Chemicals Program to monitor, address, and mitigate risks associated with the use of chemicals in Dell product manufacturing.

### Guidelines for Management of Manufacturing Process Chemicals

In 2017, Dell Technologies Inc issued its [Guidelines for Management of Manufacturing Process Chemicals](#) to address risks associated with using chemicals in the manufacturing process. Within these guidelines, Dell Technologies Inc restricts the use of certain substances throughout its organization and supply chain beyond regulatory requirements. Suppliers are expected to demonstrate conformance to the Guidelines for manufacturing operations that produce products supplied to Dell Technologies Inc.



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August 31, 2017	Revision 2.1 – Minor Revision  Updated hyperlink to Dell Materials Restricted for Use Document (ENV0424, revision A02)
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