



# INVITATION DANISH EPA LOUS CONFERENCE

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Ministry of Environment  
and Food of Denmark  
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Ongoing regulatory activities regarding substances on the List of undesirable substances (LOUS)

- Your opportunity to get updated via direct discussions with the authorities.
- How do we improve cooperation between authorities and industry?

## BACKGROUND

The Danish List of Undesirable Substances (LOUS) addresses 40 substances/substance groups, which given their inherent hazards and volume of use in Denmark are considered candidates for substitution. Over the past four years, the Danish EPA has managed the “LOUS project” in which each substance/substance group on LOUS has been subject to a survey in terms of existing knowledge on applications/uses, regulation, disposal, alternatives, as well as health and environmental properties. Based on these surveys, strategies for bridging data gaps or regulatory action have been developed and implemented.

The LOUS project ran from 2012-2015, but regulatory activities for some of the substances/substance groups are still on-going.

## PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE

The conference will gather interested Danish and EU stakeholders with the purposes of:

- Providing insight in the most significant results and learnings from the LOUS project
- Giving an overview of LOUS substances/substance groups which are still subject to regulatory action/consideration with **focus on** on-going and foreseen activities for: **Bisphenol A, per-/poly-fluorinated substances, brominated flame retardants and perfume substance**

VENUE: Eigtveds Pakhus (Hall 2),  
Asiatisk Plads 2G (Strandgade 25G),  
1448 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

The venue is in 5-minutes walking distance from Christianshavn Metro station (15 minutes metro ride from the airport).

- Providing stakeholders the opportunity to discuss the next steps for the LOUS substances directly with the authorities in informal settings
- Discussing the value of signal lists as a driver for substitution with a stakeholder panel
- Reflecting on how cooperation between industry and authorities could be further improved
- Providing a forum for networking

## PARTICIPANTS

Danish and EU stakeholders interested in substitution and regulation of chemicals.

## REGISTRATION

**Deadline for registration: 15 April 2016.**

There is no registration fee for the conference, but **registration is mandatory.**

Please fill in and return the attached registration form.

Participants from Nordic and EU member state authorities are offered travel reimbursement. The provisions for reimbursement are outlined in the registration form.

## REFRESHMENTS

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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## 08:45 - 09:15 Registration and coffee

**09:15 - 09:20 Welcome to the workshop and its overall purpose.** Michel Schilling, Vice Director, Danish EPA

**09:20-09:30 Todays programme and practicalities.** Daniel la Cour, Facilitator, COWI A/S

**09:30 - 09:50 Purpose and overall results of the 4-year LOUS project.** Isabelle Navarro Vinten, Head of Chemicals, Danish EPA

## 09:50 - 10:30 Bisphenol A (BPA)

- Key LOUS-findings, strategy and current activities, Shima Dobel, Danish EPA
- French BPA restriction activities, Christophe Rousselle, ANSES

## 10:30 - 10:50 Coffee break

## 10:50 - 11:15 Perfume substances

- Key LOUS-findings, strategy and current activities, Sidsel Dyekjær, Danish EPA

## 11:15 - 11:50 Brominated flame retardants

- Key LOUS-findings, strategy and current activities, Jesper Gruvmark, Danish EPA
- HP experiences and activities with substitution of flame retardants, Hans Wendschlag, HP

## 11:50 - 12:30 Poly-fluorinated substances

- Key LOUS-findings, strategy and current activities, Toke Winther, Danish EPA
- REACH regulatory activities regarding Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), Christoph Schulte, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)

## 12:30 - 14:00 Combined sandwich-lunch and “dialogue with the authority session”

Participants can discuss with and challenge the authorities in relation to on-going activities. For each substance group a specific meeting point will be organised in the lunch room:

**BPA:** Shima Dobel and Peter Hammer Sørensen (confirmed), Danish EPA; Mette Holm (confirmed), Danish Veterinary and Food Administration; Christophe Rousselle, ANSES

**Perfume substances:** Sidsel Dyekjær, Trine Thorup Andersen and Maiken Guldborg Rasmussen (confirmed), Danish EPA; Nanna Rosted Vind, Danish Working Environment Authority

**Brominated flame retardants:** Jesper Gruvmark, Dorte Bjerregaard Lerche and Grete Lottrup Lotus (confirmed), Danish EPA

**Poly-fluorinated substances:** Toke Winther (confirmed), Danish EPA; Louise Grave-Larsen, Former Danish EPA; Christoph Schulte, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)

## 14:00 - 15:00 Signal lists as a driver for substitution?

- How does ECHA support substitution via signal lists? Representative from European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
- A view from the Danish Industry Association, Karin Klitgaard, Danish Industry Association
- Company view on signal lists and links to the work with substitution in the Danish partnership “Chemicals in circulation”, Mogens Stibolt, Bestseller
- The SinList: Purpose, experiences and perspectives, Anna Lennquist, ChemSec
- A view from a Danish NGO, Christian Ege, The Danish Ecological Council
- Panel member from the Danish EPA: Anette Albjerg Ejersted
- Short speeches and panel/plenum discussion

## 15:00 - 15:20 Coffee break

## 15:20 - 15:50 Authority - industry cooperation - how to improve?

- Reflections from Danish EPA: How can authorities improve interaction with industry (taking into account today's experiences), Isabelle Navarro Vinten, Head of Chemicals, Danish EPA
- Reflections from industry representative: How can industry improve interaction with authorities (taking into account today's experiences), Helle Fabiansen, Danish Plastics Federation
- General discussion

## 15:50 - 16:00 Closure