

# VECAP CODE OF BEST PRACTICE





# ABOUT VECAP

VECAP aims to reduce the potential for emissions of flame retardants during the manufacturing use stages by promoting environmental good practice among producers and downstream users of polymer additives. The programme reduces emissions to the environment by:



## INCREASING UNDERSTANDING

of chemicals management in the value chain



## PROMOTING AND FACILITATING

open and constructive dialogue with industry, regulators and other stakeholders



## RAISING AWARENESS

among all those involved throughout the process, from site personnel to company top management

2004



EFRA member companies and Textile Finishers Association (TFA) launch the programme in the UK

2019



Since its introduction in 2004, VECAP has successfully and dramatically reduced emissions of polymer additives.



The success of the programme is allowing VECAP to discontinue its traditional monitoring and surveying methodology.



In future, it will adopt a new trust-based approach; our new Code of Best Practice has been updated to reflect this.

## VECAP Code of Best Practice

Designed for producers and downstream users such as compounders, textile formulators and masterbatchers and has three main aims:

CoP  
AIMS

CONTROL



REDUCE



CONTINUOUSLY  
IMPROVE



# WHAT DOES IT DO?

## 1. RECOGNISES POTENTIAL SOURCES OF EMISSIONS



LAND



AIR



WATER



REDUCTION  
OPPORTUNITIES  
VIA OTHER ROUTES

## 2. SHOWS BEST PRACTICE FOR



Minimising  
residues  
emissions  
when emptying  
Bags and Bulk  
Containers

Avoiding leaks and spills when  
transporting and storing



Optimising  
ventilation process  
to minimise airborne  
particle escape

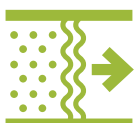


Improving operational practices  
to curtail emission risks from  
used packaging and waste water

## ESSENTIAL



Disposing of empty  
packaging properly



Using an air  
aspiration system



Treating water  
discharges from plants

## IMPORTANT



Cleaning up any spills  
immediately



Collecting and dealing  
with all samples



Storing all polymer  
additive waste correctly



Treating contaminated  
waste water for treatment



Disposing of used  
personal protection  
equipment properly

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