

## TC NES SUBGROUP ON IDENTIFICATION OF PBT AND VPVP SUBSTANCES

### RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION OF THE PBT/VPVB PROPERTIES OF:

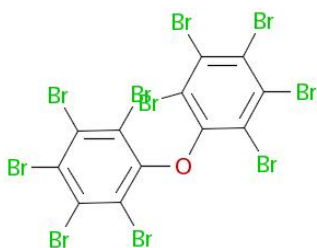
**Substance name:** Bis(pentabromophenyl) ether

**EC number:** 214-604-9

**CAS number:** 1163-19-5

**Molecular formula:** C<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>10</sub>O

**Structural formula:**



**Status:** Under evaluation

#### Summary of the evaluation:

The PBT Expert Working Group of the Technical Committee of New and Existing Chemicals did not conclude the discussion on this substance; the further evaluation will take place under the framework of REACH.

Under the framework of Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 on the Control and Evaluation of the Risks of Existing Substances there was a proposal of **conclusion (i)** "There is a need for further information and/or testing" regarding the PBT properties.

Although it is concluded that further information should be gathered in order to refine the risk assessment, in light of:

- the persistence of the substance,
  - the time it would take to gather the information and
  - the fact that there is no guarantee that the studies would provide unequivocal answers,
- consideration should be given at a policy level to the need to investigate risk management options now in the absence of adequate scientific knowledge. [N.B. A number of technical experts from EU Member States consider that this uncertainty is sufficient to warrant risk reduction measures directly (conclusion (iii)) based on the information currently provided in the assessment.]