

**§1694. Identification of priority chemicals**

Effective July 1, 2012, a chemical is eligible for designation as a priority chemical only if that chemical has been identified and listed as a chemical of high concern pursuant to section 1693-A. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (NEW).]

**1. Criteria.** The department may designate a chemical of high concern as a priority chemical if the commissioner finds, in concurrence with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

A. The chemical has been found through biomonitoring to be present in human blood, including umbilical cord blood, breast milk, urine or other bodily tissues or fluids; [PL 2007, c. 643, §2 (NEW).]

B. The chemical has been found through sampling and analysis to be present in household dust, indoor air or drinking water or elsewhere in the home environment; or [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (AMD).]

C. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (RP).]

D. The chemical is present in a consumer product used or present in the home. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (AMD).]

E. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (RP).]

F. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (RP).]  
[PL 2019, c. 315, §16 (AMD).]

**2. Designation.** The commissioner shall designate at least 2 priority chemicals by January 1, 2011. The department may designate additional priority chemicals if the commissioner finds that the chemicals meet one of the criteria listed in subsection 1.  
[PL 2019, c. 315, §16 (AMD).]

The department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. [PL 2019, c. 315, §17 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2007, c. 643, §2 (NEW). PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 315, §§16, 17 (AMD).

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