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12 Key Asks for the UK Chemical Strategy

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12 Key Asks

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1. Apply the precautionary principle;
2. **Phase out the most hazardous chemicals from consumer products, for all non-essential uses;**
3. **Address endocrine disrupting chemicals, including timelines to phase them out;**
4. **Phase out the use of PFAS and other very persistent chemicals;**
5. **Apply group-based regulation to avoid regrettable substitution;**
6. Address the combined exposure to chemicals – the ‘cocktail effect’;
7. Maintain and expand on workers’ health and safety;
8. **Ensure a clean circular economy with products that are safe by design;**
9. Develop an effective monitoring and alert system;
10. Stop the continued accumulation of legacy chemicals in the environment;
11. Remain aligned with the world-leading chemical regulation EU REACH;
12. Ensure more transparency and use of all relevant science for assessing health risks.

2. Phase out the most hazardous chemicals from consumer products, for all non-essential uses

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What's the problem?

- Many everyday products contain hazardous chemicals, e.g. flame retardants in furniture & electronics, PFAS in food packaging and cosmetics

- **What we're asking**
- Adopt a generic approach to phase out chemicals with the most hazardous properties from consumer products
- strategic investment to drive innovation of safe alternatives for essential uses

2. Phase out the most hazardous chemicals from consumer products, for all non-essential uses

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Key properties to address

- Carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic (CMRs)
- Endocrine disruptors (EDCs)
- Immunotoxic, Neurotoxic, or Toxic to a specific organ
- Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBTs)
- Persistent, mobile and toxic (PMTs)

3. A plan to address endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) including timelines to phase them out

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What's the problem?

- Harmful impact of EDCs has been known **for over 20 years**
- EDCs are ubiquitous in the environment and the general population

What we're asking

- Criteria to identify EDCs and suspected EDCs
- Ban EDCs and suspected EDCs in consumer products

3. A plan to address endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) including timelines to phase them out

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Parabens & metals

Glyphosate

PFAS

Phthalates

Triclosan

Brominated flame retardants

Bisphenols

3. A plan to address endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) including timelines to phase them out of everyday products

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- EDCs must be treated as non-threshold chemicals

- Action must be taken to prevent the UK falling behind

5. Speed up regulation of harmful chemicals & avoid regrettable substitution by adopting a grouping approach

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What's the problem?

- Regulating substances one-by-one can lead to regrettable substitutions e.g. A (BPA) and BPA substitutes e.g. BPAF, BPZ, BPB, BPS

Implement a grouping approach to:

- **avoid regrettable substitution**,
- **regulate similar chemicals more efficiently**
- **limit associated financial burdens on manufacturers and retailers**

Key chemicals to address:

- PFAS
- Bisphenols
- Phthalates
- Flame retardants

4. Phase out the use of PFAS (per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) and other very persistent chemicals

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What's the problem?

- PFAS (Forever Chemicals) are group of over 4,500 chemicals
- PFAS are extremely persistent in the environment, with links to severe health effects, including cancer and a reduced response to vaccinations

What we're asking

- Adopt a generic approach to phase out chemicals with the most hazardous properties from consumer products
- Strategic investment to drive innovation of safe alternatives

8. **Ensure a clean circular economy with products that are safe by design**

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What's the problem?

- Harmful chemicals in products can disrupt the circular economy
  - chemical content limiting reuse options
  - out-of-date safety information prevents safe recycling

What we're asking

- Promote products that are 'safe by design'
- Ensure chemical tracebility to future proof product safety information
- No exemptions for secondary materials

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