

Sweden bans BPA in water pipe linings

Sweden has announced it is banning the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in epoxy resins in water pipe linings, from 1 September.

The Swedish government had wanted to propose an EU-wide restriction on this use of BPA but [withdrew its intention](#) in December last year.

At the time, a ministry spokeswoman told *Chemical Watch* it would proceed with plans for a national ban.

The government says it has measured high levels of BPA in water from hot water pipes renovated with two-part epoxy containing the substance.

Gruel or infant formula mixed in lukewarm water or cooled water may contain the substance at levels that may be harmful to infants, it says.

"We cannot compromise on this," says environment minister Karolina Skog. "People need to be confident of their drinking water, especially parents of young children."