

State of the science on plastic chemicals

Identifying and addressing chemicals and polymers of concern



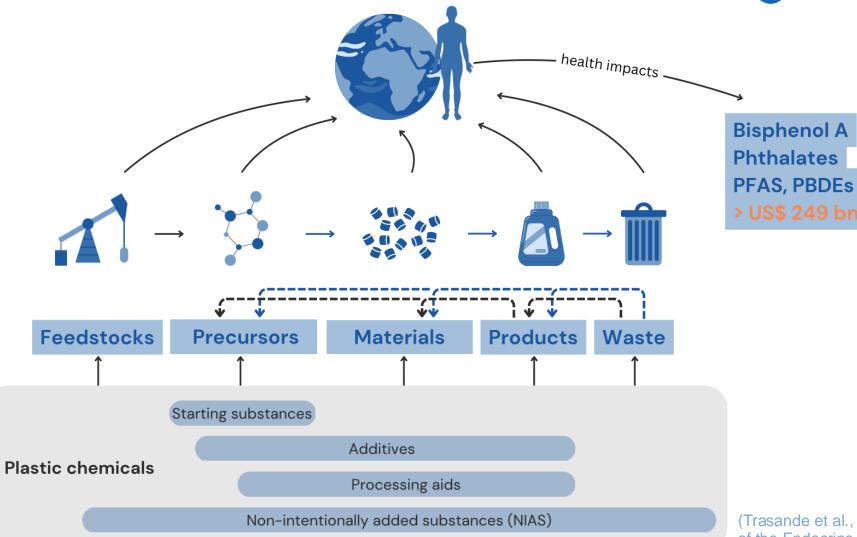
Global momentum to address problem





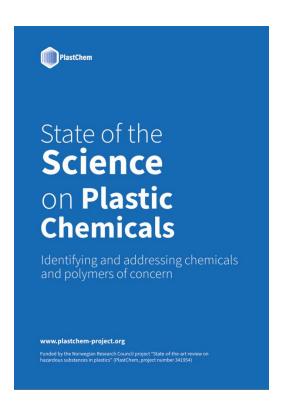
Why do plastic chemicals matter?

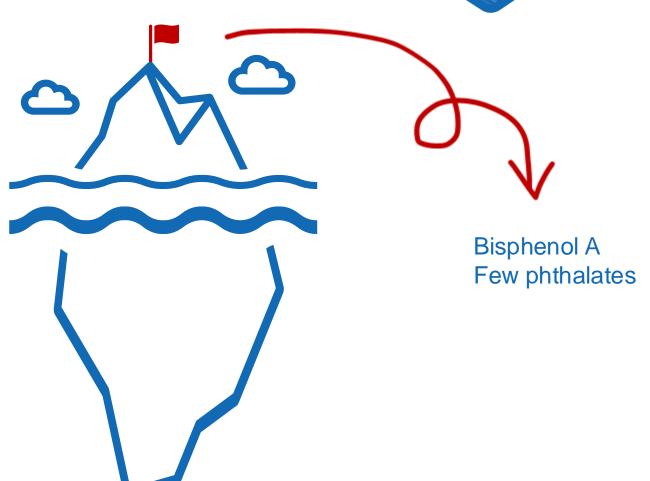




Plastic chemicals – An iceberg problem





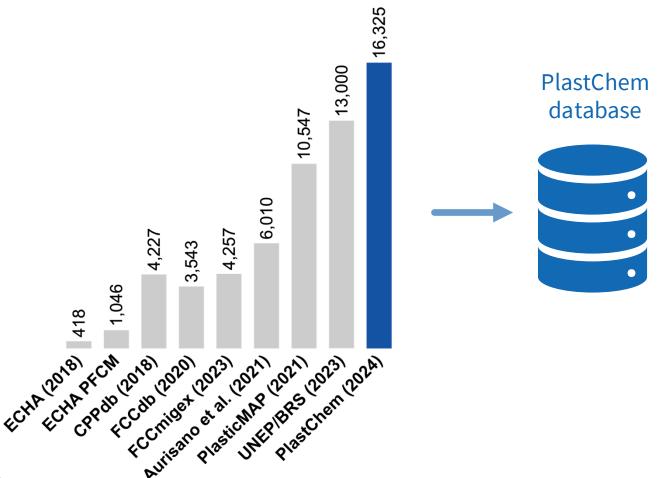




Plastic **chemicals**: What are the **key findings**?

More than 16 000 known plastic chemicals

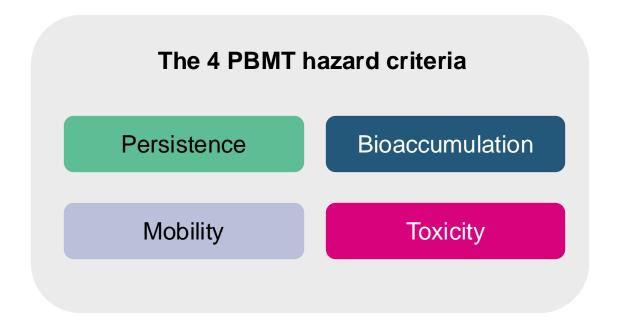




Based on scientific literature

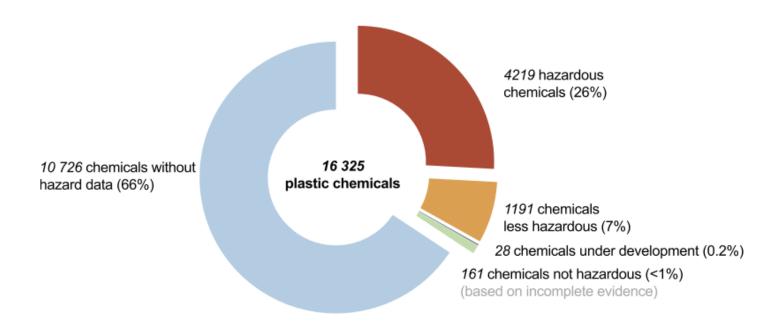
Identifying chemicals of concern





At least 4200 chemicals of concern

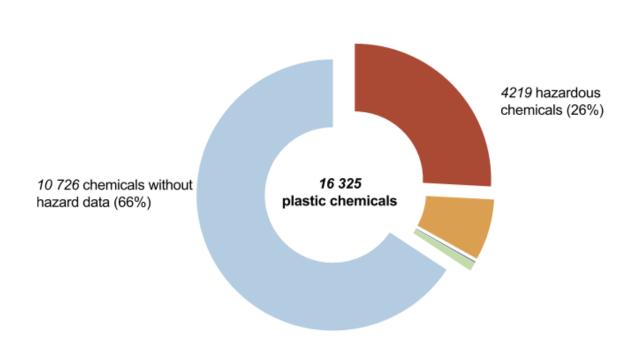


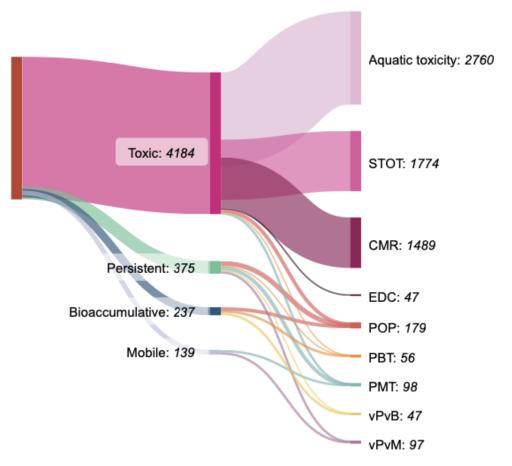


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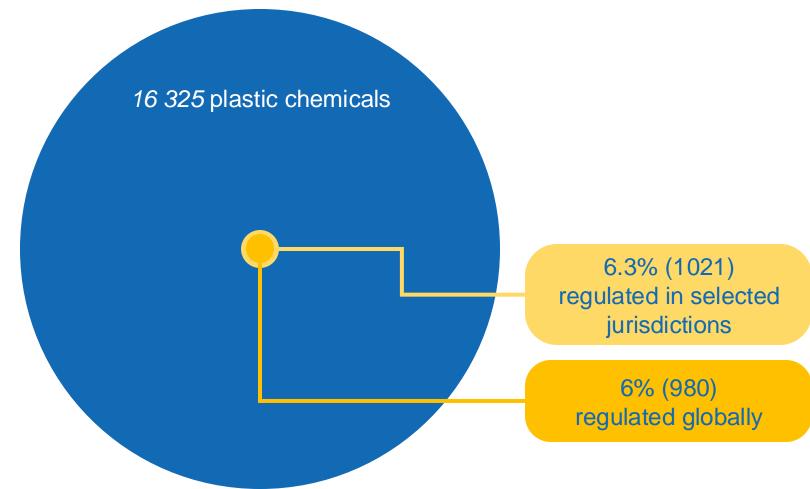


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Global governance gap persists



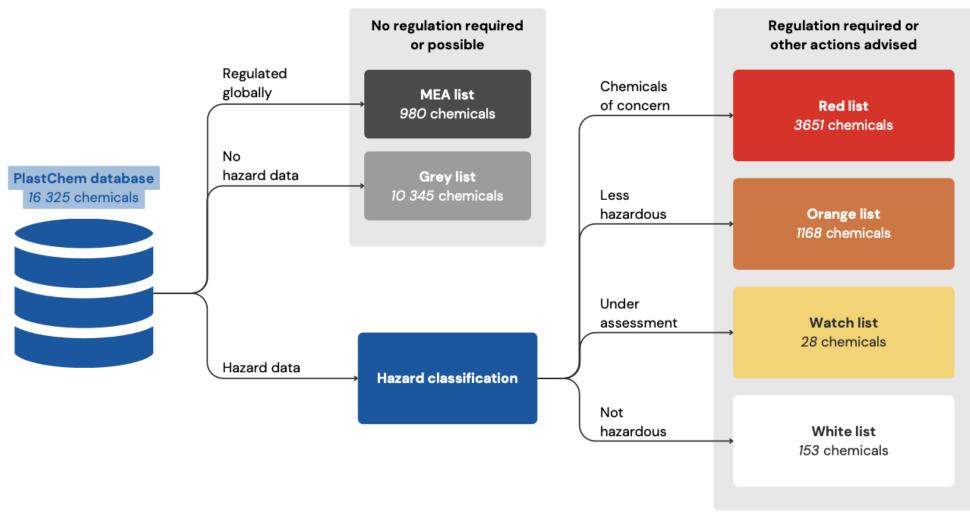




Plastic **chemicals**: What can **policymakers** do?

Listing plastic chemicals of concern





15 priority groups of plastic chemicals



- » Aromatic amines
- » Aralkyl aldehydes
- » Alkylphenols
- » Salicylate esters
- » Aromatic ethers

- » Bisphenols
- » Phthalates
- » Benzothiazoles
- » Benzotriazoles
- » Organometallics

- » Parabens
- » Azodyes
- » Aceto/benzophenones
- » Chlorinated paraffins
- » PFASs

At least 40% of members in each group are of concern

Four key recommendations



Many chemicals, many of concern

Many data gaps and unknowns

Chemicals complexity of plastics

Lack of institutional capacity



Regulate plastic chemicals comprehensively and efficiently



Require transparency on plastic chemicals



Simplify plastics towards safety and sustainability



Build capacity to create safer and more sustainable plastics























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