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On June 18, 2026, DTSC's Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Program finalized adding microplastics to the Candidate Chemicals List due to concerns about widespread exposures and potential for adverse impacts. Documents associated with this rulemaking are now on the [DTSC website](#). Manufacturers of microplastics or products containing microplastics do not need to take any action as a result of this rulemaking. Going forward, DTSC will further evaluate consumer products that contain or generate microplastics for possible regulatory action.

Microplastics are readily mobile in the environment and are found globally in virtually all ecosystems, which increases the potential for human and environmental exposures. Microplastics are also found in a very large number of consumer products used in homes, schools, and places of employment, and may be released from many of these products during use. SCP provided further rationale for this proposal in the [Technical Document for this proposal](#).

This regulation defines microplastics as "plastics that are less than 5 millimeters in their longest dimension, inclusive of those materials that are intentionally manufactured at those dimensions

or are generated by the fragmentation of larger plastics.”

For more information regarding this action, visit [SCP's Candidate Chemicals List Microplastics](#) webpage.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Safer Consumer Products!