

Brominated dibenzofurans; no CASRN

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STATUS OF DATA FOR Brominated dibenzofurans

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Category (section)	Assessment Available?	Last Revised
Oral RfD (I.A.)	not evaluated	
Inhalation RfC (I.B.)	not evaluated	
Carcinogenicity Assessment (II.)	yes	12/01/1990*

*A comprehensive review of toxicological studies was completed (July 13, 2006) - please see section II.D.2. for more information.

I. Chronic Health Hazard Assessments for Noncarcinogenic Effects

I.A. Reference Dose for Chronic Oral Exposure (RfD)

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Not available at this time.

I.B. Reference Concentration for Chronic Inhalation Exposure (RfC)

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Not available at this time.

II. Carcinogenicity Assessment for Lifetime Exposure

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Section II provides information on three aspects of the carcinogenic assessment for the substance in question; the weight-of-evidence judgment of the likelihood that the substance is a human carcinogen, and quantitative estimates of risk from oral exposure and from inhalation exposure. The quantitative risk estimates are presented in three ways. The slope factor is the result of application of a low-dose extrapolation procedure and is presented as the risk per (mg/kg)/day. The unit risk is the quantitative estimate in terms of either risk per ug/L drinking water or risk per ug/cu.m air breathed. The third form in which risk is presented is a drinking water or air concentration providing cancer risks of 1 in 10,000, 1 in 100,000 or 1 in 1,000,000. The rationale and methods used to develop the carcinogenicity information in IRIS are described in The Risk Assessment Guidelines of 1986 (EPA/600/8-87/045) and in the IRIS Background Document. IRIS summaries developed since the publication of EPA's more recent Proposed Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment also utilize those Guidelines where indicated (Federal Register 61(79):17960-18011, April 23, 1996). Users are referred to Section I of this IRIS file for information on long-term toxic effects other than carcinogenicity.

NOTE: This assessment covers all brominated dibenzofurans.

II.A. Evidence for Human Carcinogenicity

II.A.1. Weight-of-Evidence Characterization

Classification — D; not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity

Basis — No data in humans or animals.

II.A.2. Human Carcinogenicity Data

None.

II.A.3. Animal Carcinogenicity Data

None.

II.A.4. Supporting Data for Carcinogenicity

None. There is a close structural relationship among polybrominated dibenzofurans, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, and polychlorinated dibenzo-p- dioxins. A review of the literature revealed no carcinogenicity studies for polybrominated dibenzofurans or polychlorinated dibenzofurans; however, polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins are considered class B2, probable human carcinogens (U.S. EPA, 1985).

II.B. Quantitative Estimate of Carcinogenic Risk from Oral Exposure

None.

II.C. Quantitative Estimate of Carcinogenic Risk from Inhalation Exposure

None.

II.D. EPA Documentation, Review, and Contacts (Carcinogenicity Assessment)

II.D.1. EPA Documentation

Source Document — U.S. EPA, 1985

The 1985 Health and Environmental Effects Profile has received Agency Review.

II.D.2. EPA Review (Carcinogenicity Assessment)

Agency Work Group Review — 08/03/1989

Verification Date — 08/03/1989

A comprehensive review of toxicological studies published through July 2006 was conducted. No new health effects data were identified that would be directly useful in the revision of the existing carcinogenicity assessment for Brominated dibenzofurans and a change in the assessment is not warranted at this time. For more information, IRIS users may contact the IRIS Hotline at hotline.iris@epa.gov or 202-566-1676.

II.D.3. EPA Contacts (Carcinogenicity Assessment)

Please contact the IRIS Hotline for all questions concerning this assessment or IRIS, in general, at (202)566-1676 (phone), (202)566-1749 (FAX) or hotline.iris@epa.gov (internet address).

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VI. Bibliography

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VI.A. Oral RfD References

None

VI.B. Inhalation RfC References

None

VI.C. Carcinogenicity Assessment References

U.S. EPA. 1985. Health and Environmental Effects Profile for Brominated Dibenzofurans. Prepared by the Office of Health and Environmental Assessment, Environmental Criteria and

Assessment Office, Cincinnati OH for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,
Washington, DC.

VII. Revision History

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Date	Section	Description
12/01/1990	II.	Carcinogen assessment on-line
10/28/2003	II.D.2.	Screening-Level Literature Review Findings message has been added.
09/28/2006	II.D.2.	Screening-Level Literature Review Findings message has been removed and replaced by comprehensive literature review conclusions.

VIII. Synonyms

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