

## Coloplast Phthalate Policy 3.1

Phthalates<sup>1</sup> are commonly used in medical devices as softeners in PVC plastics. There are concerns, however, that phthalates may in some cases pose adverse risks to human health and the environment, both individually and through cumulative exposure from their presence in multiple everyday use products. Coloplast recognizes these concerns and we therefore choose to proactively and continuously limit the use of phthalates in our products. We are especially cautious regarding the use of phthalates in products designed for people who are particularly sensitive to their effects; e.g. children and pregnant or breast-feeding women.

Phthalates are now found only in some of Coloplast's older Continence Care products, and we intend to continue limiting their use:

- We do not use phthalates in any new products.
- We highly prioritize to substitute phthalates when we modify existing products.
- We will continuously reduce the number of items in our existing product portfolio containing phthalates.
- We set targets for reducing the amount of phthalates used in Coloplast products.
- We strive to offer phthalate-free alternatives to all product families containing phthalates.

Coloplast also proactively shares our knowledge regarding the use and reduction of phthalates in medical devices and we clearly inform our customers regarding the content of phthalates in our products. We also regularly report on our progress in limiting the use of phthalates.


Coloplast welcomes and supports an international ban against the use of phthalates in medical devices.

### Reduction Targets:

- *We will reduce our total consumption of phthalates by 40 % before Oct. 2017<sup>1</sup>*
- *Three out of four urine bags sold in Oct. 2017 will be free of phthalates<sup>1</sup>  
Baseline is 2013/14 numbers.*

The overall responsibility for this policy lies with Executive Vice President Allan Rasmussen, a member of Executive Management. The operational responsibility lies in Corp. Quality & Environment with the Director for Environment, Health & Safety Development.

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<sup>1</sup> Phthalates defined as esters of ortho-phthalic acid.