

The European Stabiliser Producers Association (ESPA) is a pan-European trade association representing more than 95% of the stabiliser industry across Europe.

ESPA is an affiliated member of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council.

ESPA's mission is to promote the use of stabiliser additives for vinyl applications and to provide a forum for the study and discussion of matters of scientific, technical, and environmental interest.

ESPA cooperates with national and supranational organisations (EU, OECD,

United Nations), other industry associations, consumer organisations and non-governmental organisations. Carrying joint projects on technical, scientific and regulatory matters contributes towards the sustainable use of PVC stabilisers.

ESPA is a founding member, first of Vinyl 2010 and since 2011 of VinylPlus, the Voluntary Commitment of the European PVC industry towards sustainability.



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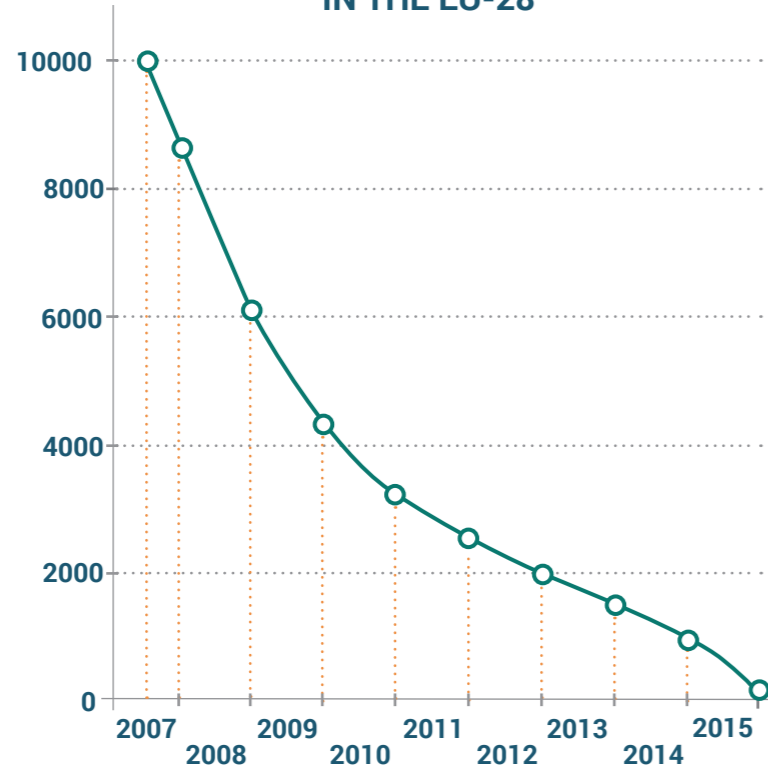
**THE JOURNEY
TO LEAD REPLACEMENT
IN EUROPE**

In 2000, ESPA members committed to replace lead-based stabilisers by the end of 2015 across the EU. Stabilisers producers have invested considerably in time and resources to develop alternatives to the widely used lead-based systems.

ESPA members contribute to the Voluntary Commitment of the European PVC industry to sustainable development and its efforts to replace lead-based stabilisers, first under Vinyl2010 and since 2011 under the VinylPlus programme.

The close collaboration of manufacturers, converters and downstream users was critical to the success of replacing lead-based stabilisers with more sustainable alternatives.

PB STABILISERS CONSUMPTION IN THE EU-28



Stabilisers are added to PVC to allow its processing and to improve its resistance especially in outdoor applications, weathering and heat ageing and have an important influence on the physical properties of PVC finished articles.

Factors such as process technology involved, technical requirements of PVC end product, regulatory requirements and cost influence the choice of the stabiliser used.

