VECAP CODE OF BEST PRACTICE
VECAP aims to reduce the potential for emissions of flame retardants during the manufacturing use stages by promoting environmental good practice among producers and downstream users of polymer additives. The programme reduces emissions to the environment by:

- Increasing understanding of chemicals management in the value chain
- Promoting and facilitating open and constructive dialogue with industry, regulators and other stakeholders
- Raising awareness among all those involved throughout the process, from site personnel to company top management

**2004**
EFRA member companies and Textile Finishers Association (TFA) launch the programme in the UK

**2019**
Since its introduction in 2004, VECAP has successfully and dramatically reduced emissions of polymer additives.
The success of the programme is allowing VECAP to discontinue its traditional monitoring and surveying methodology.
In future, it will adopt a new trust-based approach; our new Code of Best Practice has been updated to reflect this.

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Designed for producers and downstream users such as compounders, textile formulators and masterbatchers and has three main aims:

- **CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE**
- **REDUCE**
- **CONTROL**
WHAT DOES IT DO?

1. RECOGNISES POTENTIAL SOURCES OF EMISSIONS

- LAND
- AIR
- WATER

REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES VIA OTHER ROUTES

2. SHOWS BEST PRACTICE FOR

- Avoiding leaks and spills when transporting and storing
- Minimising residues emissions when emptying Bags and Bulk Containers
- Optimising ventilation process to minimise airborne particle escape
- Improving operational practices to curtail emission risks from used packaging and waste water

ESSENTIAL

- Disposing of empty packaging properly
- Using an air aspiration system
- Treating water discharges from plants

IMPORTANT

- Cleaning up any spills immediately
- Collecting and dealing with all samples
- Storing all polymer additive waste correctly
- Treating contaminated waste water for treatment
- Disposing of used personal protection equipment properly

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