



## Organotin Position Statement

When used responsibly and safely in accordance with the Material Safety Data Sheets, organotins can provide performance and value in a variety of end uses. Although they have a wide range of applications due to their versatility, this advantage can also lead to confusion and misconceptions about organotins in general. There has been a great deal of public attention focused on the toxicological and ecotoxicological aspects of organotins. There is special concern over the use of tributyltin (TBT) because of its biocidal properties and its associated effects on marine organisms, placing TBT's use in marine antifoulant paints under regulatory scrutiny. However, clear distinctions must be drawn between the triorganotin compounds used as biocides and pesticides, and the mono- and diorganotin compounds, used in stabilizer, catalyst, and glass coating applications. The latter compounds do not exhibit such biocidal properties.

It is inappropriate to generalize that all organotins have similar properties. An important goal of ATOFINA's Product Stewardship effort is to help customers, regulators, and stakeholders in general to understand the distinctions.