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# Flame Retardants Now Available by Trade Name from Clariant and FRX Polymers

ChemFORWARD, a leader in creating broad access to chemical hazard data and safer alternatives, is expanding their SAFER™ program to include raw materials used in the electronics sector.

Leading suppliers of flame retardants, Clariant and FRX Polymers, have earned the SAFER designation for key products after successfully completing a rigorous third-party assessment and verification process that considers both human and environmental safety. This effort is further evidence of a growing movement to use full chemical hazard assessments to verify safety claims rather than relying on regulatory and restricted substance lists.

Consumer concern and the number of significant regulations of chemicals in electrical and electronic products are increasing across the globe at a rapid pace. Leadership



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As an example, in Google's most recent [Restricted Substances Specification](#), they signal a more proactive approach to chemical management advising, *"Vendors should assess and evaluate ingredients in their material formulations using a comprehensive chemical hazard assessment framework and proactively implement safer alternatives where possible. In order to reduce the potential for regrettable substitutions when phasing out a chemical of concern, suppliers are required to perform an alternatives assessment using a comprehensive chemical hazard assessment framework such as ChemFORWARD. The supplier should focus on selecting chemistry with inherently low hazard toxicological properties."*



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