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**Table S1: PBDE congeners in breast milk samples (ng/g lipid weight)**

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference	
<b>Europe</b>																				
France	77	mean	<u>0.18</u>	2.16	<u>1.10</u>	0.41	1.01	0.10	0.17	0.09	<u>0.47</u>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.10</b>	0.12	<b>0.55</b>	<u>0.86</u>	<u>0.25</u>	1.88	Antignac et al. (2009)	
		min	0.04	0.34	0.13	0.05	0.29	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.11	0.10	0.02	0.39		
		max	1.62	12.04	5.26	3.91	10.45	0.69	1.88	0.32	2.10	1.18	1.44	1.50	2.27	2.59	1.35	6.80		
Sweden	9	median	0.031	<u>3.01</u>	0.50	0.56	<b>1.67</b>	<b>0.28</b>			0.08			<i>0.05</i>		<i>0.11</i>		0.22	Jakobsson et al. (2012)	
		min	0.018	1.0	0.24	0.23	<u>0.77</u>	<u>0.14</u>			<i>0.05</i>			<i>0.05</i>		<i>0.11</i>		0.22		
		max	0.073	10.7	2.31	2.43	3.02	1.48			0.30			0.16		<i>0.11</i>		0.89		
Spain (Vallecas)	22	median	0.01	0.37	0.51	<u>0.58</u>	0.13	0.02	<u>0.30</u>	<u>0.12</u>	0.46							<u>2.90</u>	Gomara et al. (2007)	
		min	0.01	0.03	0.30	0.18	0.03	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.02							0.16		
		max	0.10	3.60	3.30	1.90	3.20	2.00	3.90	4.40	5.50									52.00
Spain (Getale)	9	median	<i>0.01</i>	0.22	0.38	0.46	0.10	<i>0.01</i>	0.28	0.05	0.47								2.80	
		min		0.00	0.15	0.15	0.02		0.01	0.00	0.06								0.16	
		max		1.20	1.00	1.00	1.20		6.50	1.40	2.80								33.00	
<b>Africa</b>																				
Ghana	42	mean	0.07	1.62	0.49	0.29	0.24	0.03	0.11	0.04	0.20				0.04	0.09			1.00	Asante et al. (2011)
		min	0.01	0.31	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01				0.01	0.01		0.01	
		max	0.39	5.90	4.00	1.30	1.10	0.20	0.90	0.15	0.50					0.29	0.30		11.00	
<b>Asia</b>																				
India	10	mean	0.06	0.45	0.05	0.11	0.24	0.09	0.07	0.02	0.08				0.07	0.18			0.83	Devananthan et al. (2012)
		min	0.05	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04				0.02	0.00		0.26	
		max	0.09	0.87	0.10	0.76	0.98	0.65	0.45	0.08	0.15					0.18	0.63		2.00	
Taiwan	32	mean	0.09	0.58	0.19	0.19	0.96	0.09	0.16	0.03	0.21			0.08	0.06	0.15	0.06	0.48	Koh et al. (2010)	
		min	0.04	0.37	0.12	0.13	0.68	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.13			0.04	0.02	0.08	0.03	0.22		
		max	0.29	1.32	0.48	0.37	1.93	0.21	0.66	0.07	0.58			0.25	0.21	0.45	0.19	1.93		
Taiwan	70	mean	0.14	1.90	0.46	0.46	1.11	0.12	0.24	0.04	0.30			0.08	0.07	0.20	0.07	0.47	Chao et al. (2011)	
		min	0.02	0.21	0.04	0.07	0.36	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.07			0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00		
		max	4.41	80.40	19.70	10.40	10.20	0.90	6.00	0.28	2.20			0.60	0.31	1.05	0.31	1.70		
China (Shangai)	48	mean	0.46	0.45	0.12	0.14	0.79	0.08	0.26	0.26	<b>1.46</b>			<b>0.46</b>	0.30	<b>1.13</b>	<b>0.43</b>	2.20	Ma et al. (2012)	
		min	0.11	0.14	0.04	0.05	0.26	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.23			0.07	0.00	0.20	0.07	0.20		
		max	3.89	2.39	0.25	0.53	3.89	0.20	1.09	1.69	6.82			2.79	0.98	4.05	1.90	8.60		
China (Shijiazhuang)	48	mean	0.22	0.23	0.05	0.05	0.38	0.00	0.10	0.14	0.28					0.35		0.70	Sun et al. (2010)	
		min	0.09	0.11	0.02	0.03	0.23	0.00	0.05	0.06	0.10					0.13		0.16		
		max	0.74	0.63	0.11	0.14	1.10	0.00	0.31	0.45	3.70					4.50		14.00		
China (Tianjin)	50	mean	0.38	0.35	0.06	0.06	0.38	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.34					0.17		0.30		
		min	<b>0.44</b>	0.34	0.04	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.10					0.05		0.30		
		max	3.20	2.00	0.32	0.25	0.78	0.07	0.16	0.13	0.72					0.33		2.50		
China (Yantai)	60	mean	<b>0.49</b>	0.74	0.09	0.14	0.66	0.05	0.12	0.09	0.52					0.20		0.22		
		min	0.26	0.41	0.05	0.06	0.42	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.23					0.10		0.12		
		max	1.10	2.00	0.25	0.32	1.20	0.10	0.29	0.17	1.30					0.45		0.50		
China	19	mean	0.28	0.49	0.12	0.15	0.78	0.07	0.22	<b>0.46</b>	0.95				0.21	0.83		<b>3.00</b>	Sudaryanto et al. (2008)	
		min	0.04	0.11	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26				0.00	0.17		1.30		
		max	0.65	1.40	0.52	0.13	1.50	0.14	0.53	1.60	2.50				0.61	2.50		5.20		

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference
<b>Asia (cont.)</b>																			
Philippines	33	mean	0.30	<b>3.50</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>0.67</b>	0.56	0.13	<b>1.50</b>		0.22				0.06	0.20		1.70	Malarvannan et al. (2009)
		min	0.06	0.49	0.14	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.05		0.05				0.05	0.05		1.30	
		max	1.90	27.00	13.00	3.70	1.40	16.00	16.00		0.44				0.06	0.37		1.90	
Philippines	30	mean	0.14	1.30	0.37	0.22	0.27	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.19						0.08	0.50	Malarvannan et al. (2013)
		min	0.02	0.36	0.02	0.02		0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02						0.02	0.05	
		max	0.56	4.60	4.40	0.97		0.35	0.49	0.07	0.75						0.25	3.40	
Vietnam (Hanoi)	9	mean	0.03	0.13	0.06	0.04	0.10	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.05				0.00	0.03		0.00	Tue et al. (2010)
		min	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02			0.00	0.00		0.00	
		max	0.07	0.25	0.12	0.10	0.14	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.11				0.06	0.06		0.00	
<b>Australasia &amp; New Zealand</b>																			
New Zealand	33	mean	0.22	2.67	0.57	0.57	0.75	0.04	0.66	0.02	0.13			0.02	0.03			0.38	Coakley et al. (2013)
		min	0.05	0.32	0.07	0.07	0.14	0.01	0.12	0.00	0.05			0.00	0.00			0.07	
		max	0.75	7.71	1.29	1.82	3.82	0.10	0.51	0.04	0.32			0.05	0.20			3.14	
<b>Highest mean (World)</b>			0.49	3.51	1.10	0.67	1.88	0.32	1.50	0.46	1.46	0.12	0.10	0.46	0.55	1.13	0.43	3.00	
<b>Highest mean (Europe)</b>			0.18	3.51	1.10	0.64	1.88	0.32	0.30	0.12	0.47	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.55	0.86	0.25	2.90	

Values in bold were used to compile the row “Highest mean (World), the underlined values were used to compile the row “Highest mean (Europe). Shaded in grey are the data used in the mixture risk assessment for breast-feeding infants (see Table S14). Cells left empty mean that the congeners were not measured.

**Table S2: PBDE intakes via food for children (1-3 years), ng/kg bw/d<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Food exposure scenario</b>	<b>BDE-28</b>	<b>BDE-47</b>	<b>BDE-99</b>	<b>BDE-100</b>	<b>BDE-153</b>	<b>BDE-154</b>	<b>BDE-183</b>	<b>BDE-209</b>
High food consumption (95 <sup>th</sup> percentile), upper bound median PBDE levels	0.79	10.38	4.14	1.86	1.75	1.90	1.78	10.54
Average food consumption, upper bound median PBDE levels	0.51	4.02	1.93	0.97	1.09	1.14	1.07	6.02
Average food consumption, lower bound median PBDE levels	0.03	3.50	1.18	0.47	0.13	0.13	0.05	2.61

<sup>a</sup> adapted from EFSA (2011), Table 23, p 74

**Table S3: PBDE intakes via food for adults, ng/kg bw/d**

<b>Food exposure scenario</b>	<b>BDE-28</b>	<b>BDE-47</b>	<b>BDE-99</b>	<b>BDE-100</b>	<b>BDE-153</b>	<b>BDE-154</b>	<b>BDE-183</b>	<b>BDE-209</b>
High food consumption (95 <sup>th</sup> percentile), upper bound median PBDE levels <sup>a</sup>	0.29	1.97	0.67	0.64	0.48	0.53	0.42	3.02
Additional dietary PBDE exposure for high and frequent fish consumers, fish with >8% fat <sup>b</sup>	0.23	5.36	0.75	2.07	0.47	0.59	0.58	1.77
Average food consumption, upper bound median PBDE levels <sup>c</sup>	0.17	0.72	0.35	0.30	0.26	0.28	0.23	1.69

<sup>a</sup> from Table 18, p 64, EFSA (2011), used for scenarios 1 and 3 in Table 2, main text.

<sup>b</sup> from Table 24, p 75, EFSA (2011), assuming a consumption of 2.6 g fish/kg bw/day, used for scenario 1 in Table 2, main text.

<sup>c</sup> from Table 17, p 63, EFSA (2011), used for scenarios 2 and 4 in Table 2, main text.

**Table S4. PBDE congeners in indoor dust samples (ng/g)**

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference	
<b>Homes - Europe</b>																		
Sweden (houses)	10	median	1.3	42.0	52.0		6.6		12.0		5.1		0.0	10.0	3.0	320	Thuresson et al. (2012)	
		min	0.1	0.5	1.0		0.6		0.7		1.0		30.0	2.0	3.0	51		
		max	5.6	230.0	140.0		23.0		49.0		40.0		140.0	96.0	52.0	3600		
Sweden (Apartments)	34	median	0.8	37.0	66.0		7.8		11.0		1.4		0.0	20.0	0.0	<u>1100</u>		
		min	0.1	0.5	1.0		0.2		0.7		1.0		30.0	2.0	3.0	50		
		max	9.2	280.0	1200.0		410.0		110.0		45.0		390.0	1000.0	430.0	100000		
Sweden	19	geometric mean	0.7	40.0	22.0	4.9	5.1	2.5	4.0		1.9	1.5	23.0	17.0	<u>410.0</u>	600	Björklund et al. (2012)	
		min	0.2	8.5	2.3	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.1		0.6	0.6	7.9	6.6	180.0	190		
		max	12.0	250.0	130.0	33.0	14.0	8.3	31.0		7.6	10.0	220.0	210.0	5100.0	9300		
Sweden	5	mean	<u>5.4</u>	<u>51.4</u>	<u>78.9</u>	<u>23.9</u>	4.9	<u>3.9</u>	4.9	3.9			22.1	16.4		547	Karlsson et al. (2007)	
		min	0.5	12.6	23.9	<2.21	2.4	2.4	<1.58	<1.56			2.1	1.9		44		
		max	9.2	160.0	194.0	92.3	7.1	4.9	16.6	5.7			44.0	41.7		1560		
Belgium	45	median	0.4	8.1	8.9	1.1	2.2	0.9	1.4	2.3	0.9	1.0					313	D'hollander et al. (2010)
		95th percentile	0.9	62.4	110.0	12.1	43.9	4.7	9.5	8.3	5.4	8.2					1513	
Portugal	11	mean		20.0	8.9	2.7	3.6	2.5	4.6				9.3	2.0		307	Cunha et al. (2010)	
		min	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>		
		max	9.0	56.0	29.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	11.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	15.0	4.0		884		
Spain	6	mean		24.4	20.0	5.5	<u>48.1</u>	3.8	<u>48.1</u>	<u>8.8</u>	<u>23.6</u>	<u>9.6</u>		<u>53.9</u>		400	Regueiro et al. (2007)	
		min		6.9	6.2	1.0	4.6	0.7	4.6	3.2	3.7	3.7		14.9		58		
		max		69.5	60.0	18.2	142.0	9.7	142.0	15.7	58.5	16.3		172.9		1615		
Czech Republic	25	mean	1.8	25.4	17.1	2.1	1.3	<i>0.1</i>	29.0	<i>0.8</i>	2.1	<i>0.8</i>	<u>50.0</u>	41.6		724	Kalachova et al. (2012)	
		min	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>		0.8		0.8		2.5	2.5		41		
		max	11.0	398.2	95.4	22.6	5.0		457.3		15.5		215.7	127.2		5481		
<b>Homes - North America</b>																		
United States	7	mean	6.1	571.1	842.7	136.0	58.7	49.6	10.9	3.0			65.4	45.7		1275	Wei et al. (2009)	
		min	0.5	22.3	43.0	9.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.0			15.6	15.0		360		
		max	11.5	2075.0	2924.0	464.0	141.0	117.0	27.0	5.0			104.0	93.0		4156		
United States	17	mean	21.0	1220.0	1700.0	274.0	181.0	156.0	31.0	15.0	17.0		51.0	30.0	35.0	2090	Stapleton et al. (2005)	
		min	2.9	103.0	162.0	25.9	11.7	11.8	1.3	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>		<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	162		
		max	76.5	7610.0	13800.0	2090.0	1510.0	1250.0	168.0	38.6	77.2		239.0	109.0	108.0	8750		
United States	12	mean	0.3	93.0	176.0	30.6	30.2	17.4	18.0			3.0		<i>0.1</i>		2810	Johnson-Restrepo & Kannan (2009)	
		min	<0.1	16.7	25.6	0.8	<0.04	2.5	<21			<3		<0.1		327		
		max	1.3	354.0	664.0	122.0	81.5	56.9	64.0			<3		<0.1		9210		
United States (Vacuum cleaner)	20	geometric mean	6.4	338.0	536.0	77.0	47.0	35.0	15.1	3.9	5.6	4.9	40.5	26.6	29.4	1811	Allen et al. (2008)	
		min	1.6	22.5	86.6	5.2	1.8	0.5	2.6	0.1	<0.1	0.1	3.8	0.3	0.6	228		
		max	58.6	5596.0	8847.0	1475.0	783.5	626.4	410.9	89.5	198.9	85.2	1711.0	1427.0	1786.0	263000		

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference
<b>Homes – North America (Cont.)</b>																	
United States (Living room)	20	geometric															Allen et al. (2008)
		mean	16.3	<b>1865.0</b>	2460.0	436.0	<b>234.4</b>	<b>182.8</b>	27.9	3.6	2.7	3.6	76.3	45.9	35.6	4502	
		min	1.6	445.4	330.6	71.0	27.7	27.4	1.7	0.1	<0.1	0.1	8.1	1.2	1.9	792	
		max	120.5	16840.0	24510.0	4274.0	2377.0	2061.0	229.7	135.0	84.0	54.4	1484.0	599.8	536.4	184600	
United States (Bedroom)	20	geometric															
		mean	10.5	837.0	1170.0	204.0	124.2	94.4	32.9	2.6	3.3	3.6	48.1	25.3	17.5	1703	
		min	0.7	54.3	56.5	11.4	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.5	0.3	0.7	24	
		max	119.4	15000.0	22850.0	3786.0	2870.0	2332.0	1617.0	315.2	802.4	293.6	803.3	539.3	531.4	36130	
United States (Infertile couples)	50	geometric															Johnson et al. (2010)
		mean	13.0	543.0	643.0	135.0	78.6	63.2	20.0			12.1	<b>163.0</b>	63.1	35.3	1906	
		min	3.1	100.0	79.3	19.0	13.2	6.7	3.8		nd	nd	1.3	33.9	12.4	8.5	
		max	84.0	8627.0	12967.0	2164.0	1352.0	1093.0	688.0	nd	nd	243.0	3772.0	1492.0	853.0	32366	
Hawaii	1		<b>39.0</b>	1042.0	747.0	111.0	42.0	14.0	4.6				55.0	1.0		40	Wang et al. (2008)
<b>Homes - Asia</b>																	
China (E-waste recycling area)	10	median		8.0	13.0	1.5	11.3	3.3	26.6	20.2	13.8	20.5	105.6	65.0	36.1	1490	Zheng et al. (2011)
		min		4.7	7.2	nd	2.7	0.8	6.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	38.8	17.1	9.5	721	
		max		58.5	120.0	10.5	40.5	10.1	141.0	35.2	73.1	29.6	249.0	140.0	64.1	4920	
China (Urban area)	27	median		7.3	7.1	0.8	2.8	1.0	8.4	7.4	6.0	7.3	162.0	151.0	75.0	4040	
		min		0.8	0.7	0.2	0.3	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	19.6	4.2	2.4	498	
		max		543.0	842.0	186.0	60.4	47.7	65.9	69.7	22.7	21.1	700.0	837.0	372.0	40500	
China (Rural area)	10	median		1.2	1.6		1.1		2.3	10.0	4.1	9.8	63.7	43.2	24.0	670	
		min		nd	nd	nd	0.6	nd	nd	5.4	0.1	5.0	26.6	19.9	11.7	182	
		max		3.9	5.1	0.3	4.1	1.8	5.6	16.5	18.1	17.9	101.0	60.0	37.7	1680	
China	23	median	37.0	102.0	75.0	85.0	11.0	8.4	78.0	12.0	15.0		50.0	47.0		975	Kang et al. (2011)
		min	7.0	27.0	15.0	22.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	1.5	2.3		13.0	13.0		346	
		max	122.0	2740.0	9447.0	221.0	650.0	714.0	797.0	36.0	277.0		564.0	635.0		15795	
<b>Homes – Australasia &amp; New Zealand</b>																	
Australia	30	geometric															Stasinska et al. (2013)
		mean	0.7	28.8	37.7	6.8	5.3	3.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	2.4	2.5	0.1	20.9	22	
		min	nd	2.6	2.9	0.5	nd	nd	0.5	nd	0.4	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	
		max	10.0	391.0	372.0	71.2	59.9	31.7	44.0	784.0	51.2	410.0	12300.0	3390.0	934.0	82200	
Australia	5	mean		23.8	35.7	6.9	7.0	3.9	15.4	5.3	6.3		12.5	10.7		243	Toms et al. (2009)
		min		7.8	10.8	0.7	2.9	1.3	2.9	1.1	1.4		2.8	4.0		37	
		max		53.8	81.8	16.9	14.0	8.7	28.0	13.6	11.7		27.9	16.9		587	
New Zealand (floor)	33	mean	0.7	30.2	51.8	9.7	8.8	4.7	12.8	4.7	4.7	2.9	114.4			2505	Coakley et al. (2013)
		min	0.1	0.3	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.2			29	
		max	1.3	98.0	219.1	41.1	58.9	19.8	238.4	44.2	68.0	25.0	989.3			27394	
New Zealand (mattress)	16	mean	1.2	56.1	83.9	16.1	10.6	7.1	7.5	10.3	5.6	8.1	163.6			2703	
		min	0.1	6.5	8.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.5			106	
		max	7.7	288.4	540.3	94.1	58.2	43.1	21.1	34.3	17.5	30.3	1253.3			21956	

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference
<b>Offices - Europe</b>																	
Belgium	10	median	2.1	21.1	45.4	6.8	12.1	5.5	23.8	6.6	9.5	4.7				443	D'hollander et al. (2010)
		95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	5.3	61.5	133.0	20.3	663.0	87.1	3090.0	633.0	1200.0	453.0				6680	
Sweden	10	median	1.2	52.0	92.0		23.0		55.0		29.0		0.0	44.0	17.0	780	Thuresson et al. (2012)
		min	0.1	14.0	14.0		4.3		15.0		7.0		30.0	20.0	10.0	540	
		max	5.4	390.0	770.0		100.0		160.0		100.0		340.0	160.0	96.0	12000	
<b>Offices – North America</b>																	
United States	31	geometric mean	7.5	697.0	915.0	195.0	138.0	115.0	81.0	29.0	<b>32.0</b>	4.9	153.0	125.0	62.0	4204	Watkins et al. (2013)
		min	0.4	37.0	0.4	13.0	11.0	8.0	15.0	7.0	4.0	1.0	29.0	22.0	10.0	912	
		max	207.0	19494.0	32831.0	8672.0	5973.0	5202.0	12970.0	2858.0	6109.0	359.0	3395.0	4312.0	1710.0	106204	
United States	10	mean	18.0	1650.0	<b>3310.0</b>	<b>525.0</b>	126.0	95.0	<b>130.0</b>			<b>237.0</b>	117.0	<b>357.0</b>	<b>445.0</b>	6930	Batterman et al. (2010)
		min	<i>nd</i>	130.0	486.0	73.0	<i>nd</i>	17.0	<i>nd</i>			<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	
		max	87.0	6400.0	10600.0	1820.0	627.0	951.0	5060.0				722.0	431.0	1770.0	1400.0	
United States (computer labs)	2	mean	14.3	456.0	776.0	135.0	144.0	95.0	130.0			109.0				7500	CARB (2005) in NCEA (2010)
<b>Offices - Asia</b>																	
China	55	median	23.0	109.0	186.0	144.0	25.0	18.0	28.0	7.4	9.5		65.0	62.0		1401	Kang et al. (2011)
		min	1.7	2.0	6.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	1.0	0.0		10.0	9.0		103	
		max	100.0	1586.0	10100.0	458.0	908.0	876.0	133.0	133.0	96.0			463.0	455.0		
<b>Offices – Australasia &amp; New Zealand</b>																	
Australia	3	mean		107.2	153.4	30.1	24.2	13.4	38.4	10.2	16.7		67.1	50.6		1299	Toms et al. (2009)
		min		46.6	49.4	9.2	6.0	3.9	12.1	4.2	5.5		20.9	15.9		401	
		max		210.0	294.0	61.2	33.8	25.0	63.8	14.7	27.1		94.3	63.4		2230	
Australia	2	mean		113.3	283.3	36.2	39.5		70.1	17.3	21.6		143.2	76.9		1212	Hearn et al. (2013)
<b>Schools and day care centres - Europe</b>																	
United Kingdom	43	mean	1.4	32.0	54.0	10.0	28.0	5.0	5.1	<b>77.0</b>	5.6	5.6				<b>8500</b>	Harrad et al. (2010)
		min	<i>nd</i>	1.6	1.1	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>	<i>nd</i>			49	
		max	25.0	120.0	270.0	50.0	310.0	26.0	48.0	42.0	35.0	50.0				88000	
Sweden	10	median	2.8	120.0	110.0		12.0		6.5		4.2		0.0	15.0	8.0	580	Thuresson et al. (2012)
		min	0.1	31.0	42.0		6.0		2.7		1.7		30.0	7.0	4.0	180	
		max	8.2	910.0	550.0		19.0		15.0		6.5		110.0	58.0	29.0	3500	
<b>Level 1 – highest overall mean</b>			39.0	1865.0	3310.0	525.0	234.4	182.8	130.0	77.0	32.0	237.0	163.6	357.0	445.0	8500.0	
<b>Level 2 (Europe only)</b>																	
<b>Highest mean, homes</b>			5.4	51.4	78.9	23.9	48.1	3.9	48.1	8.8	23.6	9.6	50.0	53.9	410.0	1100	

Values in bold were used to compile the row “Level 1 - highest overall mean, the underlined values were used to compile the row “Highest mean, homes” (Europe). Shaded in grey are the data used in subsequent analyses. Cells left empty mean that the congeners were not measured; nd = not detected. The Values from Bjorklund et al. (2012) are for researcher-collected dust samples.



**Table S5. PBDE congeners in serum and blood samples (ng/g lipid weight)**

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference
<b>Adults, serum - Europe</b>																			
France, mothers	91	mean	0.15	2.81	3.59	0.70	0.89	0.14	0.25	0.32	1.06	0.38	0.12	0.23	1.96	2.55	0.86	0.47	Antignac et al. (2009)
		min	0.04	0.56	0.53	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.22	0.19	0.05	0.79	
		max	0.39	4.84	18.02	4.19	9.66	0.94	2.16	0.98	5.04	3.00	0.27	0.83	10.08	10.55	7.07	37.43	
Sweden, mothers	9	median	0.34	1.46	0.20	0.32	1.67	0.25			0.69			0.45		0.88		3.17	Jakobsson et al. (2012)
		min	0.20	0.58	0.05	0.32	1.03	0.03			0.45			0.15		0.31		1.92	
		max	0.77	5.34	0.70	1.24	3.99	0.71			2.64			6.33		1.58		7.39	
Spain, mothers	61	median	0.06	2.40	2.60	1.60	0.86	<0.10	0.47	0.02	0.10							1.10	Gomara et al. (2007)
		min	<0.06	0.30	1.40	0.94	<0.18	<0.10	<0.06	<0.02	<0.10							<1.1	
		max	0.43	0.90	6.90	3.00	2.50	<0.10	2.30	1.20	1.30							20.00	
Spain, fathers	51	median	<0.06	2.30	2.30	1.60	0.81	0.10	0.60	0.02	0.10							1.10	
		min	<0.06	0.34	1.40	0.94	<0.18	<0.10	<0.06	<0.02	<0.10							<1.1	
		max	<0.06	7.30	5.30	2.40	3.20	0.11	2.60	3.50	11.00							59.00	
Spain, mothers	52	median	<0.06	2.60	2.30	1.20	0.77	<0.10	0.06	0.10								1.10	
		min	<0.06	0.51	1.10	0.77	<0.18	<0.10	<0.06	<0.02	<0.10							<1.1	
		max	<0.06	22.00	12.00	4.20	3.30	<0.10	2.50	<0.02	0.47							31.00	
Spain, fathers	53	median		2.70	2.40	1.30	0.86		0.06									1.10	
		min	<0.06	0.26	1.10	0.81	<0.18	<0.10	<0.06	<0.02	<0.10							<1.1	
		max	<0.06	6.30	5.90	2.10	4.60	<0.10	3.10	<0.02	<0.10							91.00	
<b>Adults, serum – North America</b>																			
United States, mothers	20	mean	0.72	12.00	1.70	1.80	7.60		0.00		0.33							1.70	Lunder et al. (2010)
		min	0.20	3.10	0.40	0.40	1.40		0.00		0.11							0.94	
		max	2.50	40.00	5.20	7.00	32.00		0.50		0.82							3.20	
<b>Adults, serum - Asia</b>																			
India <sup>1</sup>	20	mean		0.41	0.68	0.03	0.63	0.36	0.58		0.79					1.90		27.00	Eguchi et al. (2012)
		min		0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05		0.05					0.05		0.39	
		max		1.50	3.20	1.10	2.70	1.40	4.30		3.50					23.00		270.00	
China, e-waste workers	20	median	2.60	6.70	1.40	1.00	9.00	0.80	4.70	0.40	2.10			0.30	0.70	10.00	2.90	83.50	Qu et al. (2007)
		min	0.70	1.50	0.40	0.10	0.90	0.10	0.50	0.10	0.10			0.10	0.10	0.90	0.30	nd	
		max	148.00	161.00	29.70	6.30	245.00	3.50	60.20	2.80	31.20			8.00	11.00	66.20	18.70	3436	
China, Rural area	15	median	1.00	3.40	0.40	0.40	1.60	0.10	1.00	0.20	1.30			0.30	0.40	5.20	1.30	18.50	
		min	0.60	1.40	nd	nd	0.05	nd	nd	0.08	0.40			0.10	0.20	2.80	0.60	nd	
		max	2.30	5.70	1.50	1.30	133.00	0.80	39.70	0.40	5.80			0.50	0.60	7.90	1.70	377	
China	20	median	0.40	1.10	0.40	0.20	1.30	0.10	0.30		0.20					0.50		5.70	
		min	0.20	0.50	0.10	0.10	0.40	nd	nd	nd	nd			nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	
		max	2.70	3.60	7.40	2.30	6.40	1.20	1.30	0.10	0.50			0.10	1.20	4.30	1.30	63.20	
China, e-waste workers	26	mean	3.10	13.00	6.60	3.70	37.00	5.30	9.20	3.70	29.00			3.70	23.00	77.00	17.00	340	Bi et al. (2007)
		min	nd	nd	nd	nd	3.30	nd	nd	nd	0.27			nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	
		max	78.00	180.00	61.00	26.00	270.00	31.00	200.00	35.00	2400			76.00	84.00	1400	210	3100	
China, Fishing community	21	median	0.58	1.30	1.10		4.60	0.41	1.40	0.99	9.30			2.00	11.00	39.00	9.00	130	
		min	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd			nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	
		max	2.00	4.30	3.50	nd	10.00	1.90	3.10	2.80	28.00			6.70	40.00	96.00	24.00	370	

<sup>1</sup> transformed from data reporting pg/g wet weight, assuming 1% lipid in serum

Country	N	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Reference	
<b>Adults, serum – Asia (cont.)</b>																				
China	115	mean	0.38	1.19	0.95	0.25	0.48	0.15	0.59	0.23	1.72	0.36		0.28		2.08	1.08	36.40	Zhu et al. (2009)	
		min	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
		max	2.88	11.50	5.22	1.26	2.65	2.09	7.10	12.50	12.50	11.60		18.00		78.60	48.10	1770		
<b>Adults, blood - Asia</b>																				
China, mothers	31	mean	1.15	2.24	0.71	0.20	3.06	0.22	0.41		2.64								5.05	Zhao et al. (2013)
		min	0.51	1.43	0.26	0.00	1.77	0.00	0.00		1.07								2.87	
		max	2.61	4.48	2.07	0.76	5.30	0.61	1.70		5.01								7.96	
Japan	72	mean	0.13	0.46	0.06	0.21	0.87	0.08	0.04	0.10	0.30				<i>0.05</i>	0.41			1.00	Uemura et al. (2010)
		25th percentile	0.05	0.20	0.03	0.09	0.45	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.19				<i>0.03</i>	0.32			0.60	
		75th percentile	0.14	0.58	0.07	0.23	1.10	0.08	0.07	0.12	0.36				<i>0.07</i>	0.49			1.30	
<b>Children, serum</b>																				
United States, 1.5-4 years old	20	median	1.00	31.00	6.20	6.20	13.00	3.20			0.49								1.70	Lunder at al. (2010)
		min	0.30	11.00	1.80	2.10	3.40	0.45	nd		0.13								0.90	
		max	2.20	65.00	15.00	14.00	32.00	38.00	1.70		2.00								19.00	
Sweden, 11 – 15 months old	24	geometric mean	0.085	1.4	0.27	0.29	0.93			0.12	0.47			1.1	0.27	0.61	0.16	2.1	Sahlstrom et al. (2014)	
		median	0.057	1.3	0.22	0.28	1.2			0.088	0.42			0.81	0.28	0.48	0.13	1.5		
		max	0.61	5.6	2.8	2.6	17			1.2	6.5			8.8	2.8	13	2.0	45		
		min	0.042	0.18	0.11	0.11	0.17			0.078	0.27			0.71	0.14	0.28	0.053	1.6		
United States, 2-8 years old	68	geometric mean	2.3	62	13	12.7	16	1.1	0.2										2.8	Wu et al. (2015)
		95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	11.6	364	78	64	87	5.3	0.8										9.6	
<b>Children, blood - Asia</b>																				
China, 9-12 years old	58	median	1.06	1.01	0.05	0.05	0.61	0.06	0.07		0.26								1.73	Zhang et al. (2011)
		min	0.27	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.07		0.26								1.73	
		max	4.49	6.18	1.37	0.50	4.74	9.74	2.50		6.37								13.30	

Values in italics are below limit of detection, nd = not detected, cells left empty mean congeners were not measured.

Data used in subsequent analyses are shaded grey.

**Table S6: Mixture risk assessment for breast-feeding infants (0-3 months), supplemental information to Table 2, main text**

Parameter	units	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Sum	Reference	
<b>Hazard assessment</b>																					
<b>A</b> Level 1 <sup>a</sup>	Reference dose	ng/kg/d	<i>1.68</i>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>3.84</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>17,000</b>		
<b>B</b> Level 2 <sup>b</sup>		ng/kg/d	<i>68.8</i>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>3.84</b>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<b>17,000</b>		
<b>C</b> Level 3 <sup>c</sup>		ng/kg/d		<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>		<b>3.84</b>												<b>17,000</b>		
<b>Exposure assessment</b>																					
<b>D</b> Scenario 0	High milk intake <sup>d</sup>	ng/kg/d	Highest reported mean (World)	3.4	24.2	7.6	4.6	11.5	1.9	10.4	3.2	10.1	0.8	0.7	3.2	3.8	7.8	3.0	20.7	116.5	Table S1, second last row
<b>E</b> Scenario 1	High milk intake <sup>d</sup>	ng/kg/d	Highest reported mean (Europe)	1.2	20.7	7.6	4.0	11.5	1.9	2.1	0.8	3.2	0.8	0.7	0.8	3.8	5.9	1.7	20.0	86.8	Table S1, last row
<b>F</b> Scenario 2	Average milk intake <sup>d</sup>	ng/kg/d	Medians	0.14	13.8	2.3	2.6	7.7	1.3	nd	nd	0.37	nd	nd	0.23	nd	0.5	nd	1.0	29.9	Table S1, Jakobsson et al. (2012)
<b>G</b> Scenario 3	Average milk intake <sup>d</sup>	ng/kg/d	Min	0.08	4.6	1.1	1.1	3.53	0.64	nd	nd	0.23	nd	nd	0.23	nd	0.5	nd	1.0	13.0	Table S1, Jakobsson et al. (2012)
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>																			<b>Hazard Index</b>		
<b>Level 1, scenario 0</b> <b>D/A</b>	Hazard quotients		high intake (world)	2.01	0.35	4.52	2.75	2.99	1.15	6.16	1.89	6.0	0.5	0.41	1.89	2.26	4.64	1.77	0.0	<b>37</b>	Table S1, second last row
<b>Level 2, scenario 1</b> <b>E/B</b>	Hazard quotients		high intake (Europe)	0.02	0.30	4.52	2.38	2.99	0.50	0.54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>11</b>	Table S1, last row
<b>Level 2, scenario 2</b> <b>F/B</b>	Hazard quotients		Average milk intake, median PBDE, Sweden	0.002	0.20	1.37	1.53	2.0	0.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5.4</b>	Table S1, Jakobsson et al. (2012)
<b>Level 2, scenario 3</b> <b>G/B</b>	Hazard quotients		Average milk intake, min PBDE, Sweden	0.0	0.07	0.66	0.63	0.92	0.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2.4</b>	
<b>Level 3, scenario 1</b> <b>E/C</b>	Hazard quotients		high intake (Europe)		0.35	4.52		3.38											0	<b>8</b>	Table S1
<b>Level 3, scenario 2</b> <b>F/C</b>	Hazard quotients		Average milk intake, median PBDE, Sweden		0.20	1.37		2.00											0	<b>3.6</b>	Table S1, Jakobsson et al. (2012)
<b>Level 3, scenario 3</b> <b>G/C</b>	Hazard quotients		Average milk intake, min PBDE, Sweden		0.07	0.66		0.92											0	<b>1.6</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Congeners without reference doses (italics) are assumed to be as potent as BDE-99 (Level 1 assessment)

<sup>b</sup> Missing reference doses were bridged by a read-across of the reference dose of the nearest neighbouring congener (italics) (Level 2 assessment)

<sup>c</sup> Only congeners with EFSA reference doses were used (Level 3 assessment)

<sup>d</sup> Calculated assuming 1200 ml milk consumption per day (high intake) or 800 ml per day (average intake), 3.5% fat and a body weight of 6.1 kg (EFSA 2011, p 67), based on the PBDE levels shown in Table S1

**Table S7: Mixture risk assessment for small children (1-3 years), supplemental information to Table 2, main text**

Parameter	units	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Sum	Reference		
<b>Hazard assessment</b>																						
<b>A</b> Level 1 <sup>a</sup>	Reference dose	ng/kg/d	<i>1.68</i>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>3.84</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>17,000</b>			
<b>B</b> Level 2 <sup>b</sup>		ng/kg/d	68.8	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>3.84</b>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<b>17,000</b>			
<b>C</b> Level 3 <sup>c</sup>		ng/kg/d		<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>		<b>3.84</b>												<b>17,000</b>			
<b>Exposure assessment</b>																						
<b>D</b>	High food consumption	ng/kg/d	Upper bound median PBDE levels	0.79	10.38	4.14	1.86	1.75	1.9	1.78									10.54	33.1	Table S2, first row	
<b>E</b>	Average food consumption	ng/kg/d	Upper bound median PBDE levels	0.51	4.02	1.93	0.97	1.09	1.14	1.07									6.02	16.8	Table S2, 2 <sup>nd</sup> row	
<b>F</b>	Moderate exposure via food	ng/kg/d	Lower bound median PBDE levels	0.03	3.50	1.18	0.47	0.13	0.13	0.05									2.61	8.1	Table S2, 3 <sup>rd</sup> row	
<b>G</b>	High exposure via dust	ng/kg/d	Highest mean PBDE levels from any location <sup>d</sup>	0.19	8.9	15.7	2.5	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.2				1.1	0.8	1.7	2.1	40.4	76.5	Table S4, row "Level 1 – highest overall mean"
<b>H</b>	High exposure via dust	ng/kg/d	Highest mean PBDE levels from homes, Europe <sup>d</sup>	0.03	0.24	0.37	0.11	0.23	0.02	0.23	0.04	0.11				0.05	0.24	0.26	1.95	5.23	9.1	Table S4, row "highest mean, homes"
<b>I</b>	Moderate exposure via dust (10 mg dust/day)	ng/kg/d	Geometric mean PBDE levels, homes, Sweden <sup>e</sup>	0.0006	0.033	0.018	0.004	0.004	0.002	0.003	0	0.002				0.001	0.02	0.014	0.34	0.5	0.9	Table S4, Björklund et al. (2012)
<b>J</b>	Low exposure via dust (10 mg dust/day)	ng/kg/d	Min PBDE levels, homes, Sweden <sup>e</sup>	0	0.007	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.00	0.001				0.001	0.007	0.006	0.15	0.16	0.3	Table S4, Björklund et al. (2012)
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>																			<b>Hazard Index</b>			
<b>(D+G)/A</b> Level 1	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food and dust, scenario 1	0.58	0.28	11.8	2.6	0.75	1.65	1.43	0.22	0.09				0.42	0.46	1.01	1.26	0	<b>23</b>		
<b>(D+H)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food and dust (EU), scenario 1	0.01	0.15	2.69	1.17	0.52	0.50	0.52		0			0	0	0	0	0	0.001	<b>5.6</b>		
<b>(E+I)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	Moderate exposure via food and dust, scenario 2	0.01	0.06	1.16	0.58	0.28	0.30	0.28		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2.7</b>		
<b>(F+J)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	Moderate exposure via food, low dust, scenario 3	0	0.05	0.70	0.28	0.03	0.03	0.01		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1.1</b>		
<b>(D+H)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food and dust (EU), scenario 1		0.15	2.69		0.52												0.001	<b>3.4</b>		
<b>(E+I)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	Moderate exposure via food and dust, scenario 2		0.06	1.16		0.28												0	<b>1.5</b>		
<b>(F+J)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	Moderate exposure via food, low dust, scenario 3		0.05	0.70		0.03												0	<b>0.8</b>		

<sup>a</sup> Congeners without reference doses (italics) are assumed to be as potent as BDE-99 (Level 1 assessment)

<sup>b</sup> Missing reference doses were bridged by a read-across of the reference dose of the nearest neighbouring congener (italics) (Level 2 assessment)

<sup>c</sup> Only congeners with EFSA reference doses were used (Level 3 assessment)

<sup>d</sup> Calculated assuming dust intake of 57 mg/day (95<sup>th</sup> percentile, Trudel et al. 2011) and a body weight of 12 kg (EFSA 2011).

<sup>e</sup> Calculated assuming dust intake of 10 mg/day (between 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, 1.7 mg dust/day, and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, 57 mg dust/day, Trudel et al. 2011) and a body weight of 12 kg (US EPA 2011).

**Table S8: Mixture risk assessment for adults, supplemental information to Table 2, main text**

Parameter	units	Statistic	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-201	BDE-202	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Sum	Reference	
<b>Hazard assessment</b>																					
<b>A</b> Level 1 <sup>a</sup>	Reference dose	ng/kg/d	<i>1.68</i>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>3.84</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>17,000</b>		
<b>B</b> Level 2 <sup>b</sup>		ng/kg/d	<i>68.8</i>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<i>1.68</i>	<b>3.84</b>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>3.84</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<b>17,000</b>		
<b>C</b> Level 3 <sup>c</sup>		ng/kg/d		<b>68.8</b>	<b>1.68</b>		<b>3.84</b>												<b>17,000</b>		
<b>Exposure assessment</b>																					
<b>D</b>	High food consumption	ng/kg/d	Upper bound median PBDE levels	0.29	1.97	0.67	0.64	0.48	0.53	0.42									3.02	8.0	Table S3, first row
<b>E</b>	Additional exposure via fish	ng/kg/d	Upper bound mean PBDE levels	0.23	5.36	0.75	2.07	0.47	0.59	0.58									1.77	11.8	Table S3, 2 <sup>nd</sup> row
<b>F</b>	Average food consumption	ng/kg/d	Upper bound median PBDE levels	0.17	0.72	0.35	0.30	0.26	0.28	0.23									1.69	4.0	Table S3, 3 <sup>rd</sup> row
<b>G</b>	High exposure via dust	ng/kg/d	Highest mean PBDE levels from any location <sup>d</sup>	0.05	2.6	4.6	0.73	0.32	0.25	0.18	0.11	0.04		0.33	0.23	0.49	0.62	11.8	22.3	Table S4, row "Level 1 – highest overall mean"	
<b>H</b>	Moderate exposure via dust	ng/kg/d	Highest mean PBDE levels from homes, Europe <sup>e</sup>	0.004	0.037	0.056	0.017	0.034	0.003	0.034	0.006	0.017		0.007	0.036	0.038	0.293	0.79	1.4	Table S4, row "highest mean, homes"	
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>																			<b>Hazard Index</b>		
<b>(D+E+G)/A</b> Level 1	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food, fish and dust, scenario 1	0.34	0.14	3.58	2.05	0.33	0.82	0.70	0.06	0.03			0.20	0.14	0.29	0.37	0.001	<b>9.0</b>		
<b>(D+E+G)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food, fish and dust, scenario 1	0.01	0.14	3.58	2.05	0.33	0.36	0.31	0	0			0	0	0	0	0.001	<b>6.8</b>		
<b>(E+F+H)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	Exposure via fish, moderate via food and dust, scenario 2	0.006	0.09	0.69	1.42	0.20	0.23	0.22	0	0			0	0	0	0	0.0	<b>2.8</b>		
<b>(D+H)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food, moderate dust, scenario 3	0.004	0.03	0.43	0.39	0.13	0.14	0.12	0	0			0	0	0	0	0.0002	<b>1.25</b>		
<b>(F+H)/B</b> Level 2	Hazard quotients	Moderate exposure via food, moderate dust, scenario 4	0.003	0.01	0.24	0.19	0.07	0.07	0.07	0	0			0	0	0	0	0.0001	<b>0.66</b>		
<b>(D+E+H)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food, fish and dust, scenario 1		0.14	3.58		0.33											0.001	<b>4.0</b>		
<b>(E+F+H)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	Exposure via fish, moderate via food and dust, scenario 2		0.09	0.69		0.20											0.0	<b>0.98</b>		
<b>(D+H)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	High exposure via food, moderate dust, scenario 3		0.03	0.43		0.13											0.0002	<b>0.6</b>		
<b>(F+H)/C</b> Level 3	Hazard quotients	Moderate exposure via food, moderate dust, scenario 4		0.01	0.24		0.07											0.0001	<b>0.33</b>		

<sup>a</sup> Congeners without reference doses (italics) are assumed to be as potent as BDE-99 (Level 1 assessment)

<sup>b</sup> Missing reference doses were bridged by a read-across of the reference dose of the nearest neighbouring congener (italics) (Level 2 assessment)

<sup>c</sup> Only congeners with EFSA reference doses were used (Level 3 assessment)

<sup>d</sup> Calculated assuming dust intake of 96 mg/day (95<sup>th</sup> percentile, Trudel et al. 2011) and a body weight of 70 kg (US EPA 2011).

<sup>e</sup> Calculated assuming dust intake of 50 mg/day (US EPA 2011) and a body weight of 70 kg (US EPA 2011).

**Table S9: Mixture risk assessment for fetuses (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text)**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-197	BDE-209	Sum	Reference	
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>9,000</i>	<b>232,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<i>9,000</i>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<b>425,000</b>		EFSA (2011)	
<b>B</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>232,000</i>	<b>232,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<i>9,000</i>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<b>425,000</b>		EFSA (2011)	
<b>Estimation of body burden</b>															
b	Measured concentration in aborted Chinese fetuses	ng/g lw	mean		0.38	0.62	0.20	0.07	0.62	0.05	0.20	0.77	1.55	4.46	Zhao et al. (2013)
c			max		1.17	1.85	0.87	0.46	3.71	0.34	0.81	4.59	6.68	20.48	
d	Body fat	%	mean	1.07											
<b>E = b*d</b>	<b>Fetal body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	mean		4.1	6.6	2.1	0.7	6.6	0.5	2.1	8.2	16.6	47.7	
<b>F = c*d</b>			max		12.5	19.8	9.3	4.9	39.7	3.6	8.7	49.1	71.5	219.1	
g	Measured concentration in livers (US fetuses and newborns)	ng/g lw	mean		0.6	10.7	4.5	1.9	1.1	0.3	0.3		3.5	23	Schechter et al. (2007)
h	Body fat	%	median	9.2											Hawkes et al. (2011)
i			95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	14.4											
<b>J = g*h</b>	<b>Fetal body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	Median <sup>b</sup>		55.2	984.4	414	174.8	101.2	27.6	27.6		322	2107	Schechter et al. (2007)
<b>K = g*i</b>			95 <sup>th</sup> percentile <sup>c</sup>		86.4	1540.8	648	273.6	158.4	43.2	43.2		504	3298	
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>													<b>Hazard Index</b>		
x	Assessment factor			2.5											
<b>F*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients, Level 1 MRA		Max <sup>d</sup>		0.003	0.0002	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.014	0.0004	<b>0.027</b>	Zhao et al. (2013)
<b>E*x/B</b>	Hazard quotients		Mean <sup>e</sup>		0.00004	0.00007	0.00059	0.00021	0.00027	0.00002	0.00009	0.00005	0.0001	<b>0.001</b>	
<b>F*x/B</b>	Hazard quotients, Level 2 MRA		Max <sup>d</sup>		0.0001	0.0002	0.0026	0.0014	0.0016	0.0001	0.0003	0.0003	0.0004	<b>0.007</b>	
<b>J*x/B</b>	Hazard quotients		Median <sup>b</sup>		0.0006	0.0106	0.115	0.0486	0.0041	0.0011	0.0011		0.0019	<b>0.18</b>	Schechter et al. (2007)
<b>K*x/B</b>	Hazard quotients, Level 2 MRA		95 <sup>th</sup> percentile <sup>c</sup>		0.0009	0.0166	0.180	0.0760	0.0064	0.0064	0.0017		0.0030	<b>0.29</b>	

<sup>a</sup> The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

<sup>b</sup> Calculated assuming median body fat proportion according to Hawkes et al. (2011)

<sup>c</sup> Calculated assuming the 95th percentile of body fat proportion according to Hawkes et al. (2011)

<sup>d</sup> Calculated using maximum fetal PBDE levels, Zhao et al. (2013)

<sup>e</sup> Calculated using mean fetal PBDE levels, Zhao et al. (2013)

**Table S10: Level 2 mixture risk assessment for small children based on body burdens estimated from PBDE serum levels (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text)**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Sum	Reference
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>232,000</i>	<b>232,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<i>9,000</i>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<b>425,000</b>	EFSA (2011)
<b>Estimation of body burden</b>																			
b	Serum levels <sup>b</sup>	ng/g lw	median	0.057	1.3	0.22	0.28	1.2	nd	nd	0.088	0.42	0.81	0.28	0.48	0.13	1.5		Sahlstrom et al. (2014)
c			max	0.61	5.6	2.8	2.6	17	nd	nd	1.2	6.5	8.8	2.8	13	2.0	45		
d	Body fat	%	mean	29															
<b>E = b*d</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	median	16.5	377	64	81	348			25.5	122	235	81	139	38	435		
<b>F = c*d</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	bw	max	177	1624	812	754	4930			348	1885	2552	812	3770	580	13050		
g	Serum levels <sup>b</sup>	ng/g lw	median	1.0	31	6.2	6.2	13	3.2	nd	nd	0.5	nd	nd	nd	nd	1.7		Lunder et al. (2010)
h			max	2.2	65	15	14	32	38	1.7	nd	2.0	nd	nd	nd	nd	19		
i	Body fat	%	mean	29															
<b>J = g*i</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	median	290	8990	1798	1798	3770	928			142					493		
<b>K = h*i</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	bw	max	638	18850	4350	4060	9280	11020	493		580					5510		
l	Serum levels <sup>c</sup>	ng/g lw	Geometric mean	2.3	62	13	12.7	16	1.1	0.2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	2.8		Wu et al. (2015)
m			95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	11.6	364	78	64	87	5.3	0.8	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	9.6		
n	Body fat	%	mean	29															
<b>R = l*n</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	Geometric mean	653	17922	3770	3683	4669	322	58							800		
<b>S = m*n</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	bw	95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	3364	105560	22591	18560	25143	1537	232							2784		
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>																		<b>Hazard Index</b>	
x	Assessment factor			2.5															
<b>E*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		median	0.0002	0.004	0.018	0.023	0.014			0.0001	0.0007	0.0014	0.0005	0.0008	0.0002	0.0026	<b>0.1</b>	Sahlstrom et al. (2014)
<b>F*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		max	0.002	0.0175	0.226	0.209	0.199			0.002	0.011	0.015	0.0047	0.022	0.003	0.076	<b>0.8</b>	
<b>J*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		median	0.003	0.097	0.499	0.499	0.152	0.037			0.0008					0.0029	<b>1.3</b>	Lunder et al. (2010)
<b>K*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		max	0.007	0.203	1.208	1.128	0.374	0.444	0.02		0.0034					0.0324	<b>3.4</b>	
<b>R*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		Geometric mean	0.007	0.193	1.047	1.023	0.1883	0.013	0.002							0.005	<b>2.5</b>	Wu et al. (2015)
<b>S*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	0.036	1.137	6.275	5.156	1.0138	0.062	0.0093							0.0164	<b>13.7</b>	

<sup>a</sup> The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

<sup>b</sup> for children 1-4 years of age

<sup>c</sup> for children 2-8 years of age

**Table S11: Level 3 mixture risk assessment for small children based on body burdens estimated from PBDE serum levels (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text)**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-153	BDE-209	Sum	Reference
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<b>232,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>425,000</b>		EFSA (2011)
<b>Estimation of body burden</b>									
b	Serum levels <sup>b</sup>	ng/g lw	median	1.3	0.22	1.2	1.5		Sahlstrom et al. (2014)
c			max	5.6	2.8	17	45		
d	Body fat	%	mean	29					
<b>E = b*d</b> <b>F = c*d</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	median max	377 1624	64 812	348 4930	435 13050		
g	Serum levels <sup>b</sup>	ng/g lw	median	31	6.2	13	1.7		Lunder et al. (2010)
h			max	65	15	32	19		
i	Body fat	%	mean	29					
<b>J = g*i</b> <b>K = h*i</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	median max	8990 18850	1798 4350	3770 9280	493 5510		
l	Serum levels <sup>c</sup>	ng/g lw	Geometric mean	62	13	16	2.8		Wu et al. (2015)
m			95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	364	78	87	9.6		
n	Body fat	%	mean	29					
<b>R = l*n</b> <b>S = m*n</b>	<b>Body burden</b>	ng/kg bw	Geometric mean 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	17922 105560	3770 22591	4669 25143	800 2784		
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>									
x	Assessment factor			2.5					<b>Hazard Index</b>
<b>E*x/A</b> <b>F*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		median max	0.004 0.0175	0.018 0.226	0.014 0.199	0.0026 0.076	<b>0.038</b> <b>0.5</b>	Sahlstrom et al. (2014)
<b>J*x/A</b> <b>K*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		median max	0.097 0.203	0.499 1.208	0.152 0.374	0.0029 0.0324	<b>0.8</b> <b>1.8</b>	Lunder et al. (2010)
<b>R*x/A</b> <b>S*x/A</b>	Hazard quotients		Geometric mean 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	0.193 1.137	1.047 6.275	0.1883 1.0138	0.005 0.0164	<b>1.4</b> <b>8.4</b>	Wu et al. (2015)

<sup>a</sup>The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

<sup>b</sup> for children 1-4 years of age

<sup>c</sup> for children 2-8 years of age



**Table S12: Level 2 mixture risk assessment for adults based on body burdens estimated from PBDE serum levels (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text) - France**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Sum	Reference
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>232,000</i>	<b>232,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<i>9,000</i>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<b>425,000</b>	EFSA (2011)
<b>Estimation of body burden</b>																			
b	Serum levels	ng/g lw	mean	0.15	2.81	3.59	0.70	0.89	0.14	0.25	0.32	1.06	0.23	1.96	2.55	0.86	0.47		Antignac et al. (2009)
c			max	0.39	4.84	18.02	4.19	9.66	0.94	2.16	0.98	5.04	0.83	10.08	10.55	7.07	37.43		
d	Body fat	%	mean	29															
<b>E=b*d</b>	<b>Body</b>	ng/kg	mean	43.5	815	1041	203	258	41	73	93	307	67	568	740	249	136		
<b>F=c*d</b>	<b>burden</b>	bw	max	113	1404	5226	1215	2801	273	626	284	1461	241	2923	3060	2050	10855		
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>																		<b>Hazard Index</b>	
x	Assessment factor			2.5															
<b>E*x/A</b>	Hazard		mean	0.0005	0.009	0.289	0.056	0.01	0.002	0.003	0.0006	0.002	0.0004	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.0008	<b>0.38</b>	
<b>F*x/A</b>	quotients		max	0.001	0.015	1.45	0.34	0.11	0.011	0.025	0.002	0.009	0.001	0.017	0.018	0.012	0.064	<b>2.07</b>	

<sup>a</sup> The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

**Table S13: Level 3 mixture risk assessment for adults based on body burdens estimated from PBDE serum levels (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text) - France**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-153	BDE-209	Sum	Reference
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>232,000</i>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>425,000</i>		EFSA (2011)
b	Serum levels	ng/g lw	mean	2.81	3.59	0.89	0.47		Antignac et al. (2009)
c			max	4.84	18.02	9.66	37.43		
d	Body fat	%	mean	29					
<b>E=b*d</b>	<b>Body</b>	ng/kg	mean	815	1041	258	136		
<b>F=c*d</b>	<b>burden</b>	bw	max	1404	5226	2801	10855		
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>								<b>Hazard Index</b>	
x	Assessment factor								
<b>E*x/A</b>	Hazard		mean	0.009	0.289	0.01	0.0008	<b>0.31</b>	
<b>F*x/A</b>	quotients		max	0.015	1.45	0.11	0.064	<b>1.64</b>	

<sup>a</sup> The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

**Table S14: Level 2 mixture risk assessment for adults based on body burdens estimated from PBDE serum levels (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text) - USA**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-28	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-153	BDE-154	BDE-183	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-203	BDE-206	BDE-207	BDE-208	BDE-209	Sum	Reference
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>232,000</i>	<b>232,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<i>9,000</i>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<i>425,000</i>	<b>425,000</b>		EFSA (2011)
<b>Estimation of body burden</b>																			
b	Serum levels	ng/g lw	mean	0.72	12.0	1.7	1.8	7.6		0		0.3					1.7		Lunder et al. (2010)
c			max	2.50	40.0	5.2	7.0	32.0		0.5		0.8					3.2		
d	Body fat	%	mean	29															
<b>E=b*d</b>	<b>Body</b>	ng/kg	mean	209	3480	493	522	2204		0		96					493		
<b>F=c*d</b>	<b>burden</b>	bw	max	725	11600	1508	2030	9280		145		238					928		
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>																		<b>Hazard Index</b>	
x	Assessment factor			2.5															
<b>E*x/A</b>	Hazard		mean	0.0023	0.038	0.137	0.145	0.089		0		0.0006					0.003		<b>0.41</b>
<b>F*x/A</b>	quotients		max	0.008	0.125	0.42	0.56	0.37		0.006		0.001					0.005		<b>1.5</b>

<sup>a</sup> The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

**Table S15: Level 3 mixture risk assessment for adults based on body burdens estimated from PBDE serum levels (supplemental information to Table 3 of main text) - USA**

Parameter	units	Statistic	Value	BDE-47	BDE-99	BDE-153	BDE-209	Sum	Reference
<b>A</b>	Critical body burden <sup>a</sup>	ng/kg bw		<i>232,000</i>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<i>425,000</i>		EFSA (2011)
b	Serum levels	ng/g lw	mean	12.0	1.7	7.6	1.7		Lunder et al. (2010)
c			max	40.0	5.2	32.0	3.2		
d	Body fat	%	mean	29					
<b>E=b*d</b>	<b>Body</b>	ng/kg	mean	3480	493	2204	493		
<b>F=c*d</b>	<b>burden</b>	bw	max	11600	1508	9280	928		
<b>Mixture risk assessment</b>								<b>Hazard Index</b>	
x	Assessment factor								
<b>E*x/A</b>	Hazard		mean	0.038	0.137	0.089	0.003	<b>0.27</b>	
<b>F*x/A</b>	quotients		max	0.125	0.42	0.37	0.005	<b>0.92</b>	

<sup>a</sup> The PBDE body burden in rodents at a dose equivalent to the BMDL<sub>10</sub>, from EFSA (2011), p 157, Table 40. Values in italics are read-across from the values in bold that were derived from available experimental data; see Level 2 procedure in Material and Methods (Bridging assumption made in the hazard assessment component of MRA), main text.

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