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PCB marketing reduced

Farbenfabriken Bayer will stop marketing polychlorinated biphenyls for use in packaging film plasticizers and in surface coating formulations. The decision stems from the West German Health Ministry findings that the compounds, rated as a potential health hazard, are widely present in the fatty tissue of birds and mammals. Monsanto took similar action earlier this year in the U.S. and U.K. where it is the sole PCB maker. Both Bayer and Monsanto will continue to sell the compounds for coolant and dielectric fluids used in sealed electrical systems. ■

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