

# News Release



## **BASF begins production of Palatinol DOTP plasticizer at its Pasadena, Texas facility**

HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 18, 2017 – BASF started the production of Palatinol® DOTP (dioctyl terephthalate), a general purpose plasticizer, at its Pasadena, Texas facility, with a nameplate capacity of 60,000 metric tons per year. The plant enables BASF to respond to the growing demand for non-ortho-phthalate plasticizers in North America, and strengthens its position as a reliable source for DOTP.

In addition, operations started at an oxo alcohol unit for 2-EH (2-ethylhexanol) at the Pasadena site, with a nameplate capacity of 100,000 metric tons per year. This secures consistent raw material integration for Palatinol DOTP, while also strengthening the reliability of BASF's 2-EHA (2-ethylhexyl acrylate) production at the company's site in Freeport, Texas.

"The new capacities provide increased potential for BASF in the non-ortho-phthalate plasticizers market," said Heather Remley, Senior Vice President, Petrochemicals North America. "Production at our Pasadena facility reinforces BASF as a valued supplier and reliable partner for plasticizers in North America."

As part of its global production network, BASF offers a broad portfolio of plasticizers, including general-purpose plasticizers, and specialty plasticizers, such as adipates, polymeric, and trimellitates.

Manufacturers use plasticizers to soften and increase the flexibility of rigid PVC (polyvinylchloride). With Palatinol DOTP, a terephthalate, in its

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portfolio, BASF offers effective solutions to producers of vinyl film and sheet applications for flooring, coated fabrics, and wire and cable coatings.

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