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'Triclosan', considered harmful when exposed to high levels for a long time, is most likely present in which of the following? (a) Food preservatives (b) Fruit-ripening substances (c) Reused plastic containers (d) Toiletries Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Food preservatives. Not the main listed use.

(b)

Fruit-ripening. That is ethylene / carbide.

(c)

Reused plastic. Not a **triclosan** story.

(d) Official key

Toiletries. Antibacterial soaps, toothpastes, some cosmetics.

Summary

Official key is (d) toiletries. **Triclosan** was widely added to soaps, toothpastes and other personal-care products; long high exposure is the toxicology worry.

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Triclosan

Chlorinated phenoxy; antibacterial.

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Low-dose antibacterials in wash-off products - a neighbour debate.