

CPSC Published Final Rule to Restrict Phthalates in Children's Toys and Child Care Articles

On October 20, 2017, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a final rule prohibiting children's toys and child care articles containing more than 0.1 percent of certain phthalate chemicals.

In 2008, Congress permanently prohibited children's toys and child care articles containing concentrations of more than 0.1 percent of three specific phthalates in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA):

1. di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP);
2. dibutyl phthalate (DBP); or,
3. benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)

The Commission's final rule bans children's toys and child care articles containing more than 0.1 percent of five additional phthalate chemicals:

1. diisononyl phthalate (DINP);
2. di-n-pentyl phthalate (DPENP);
3. di-n-hexyl phthalate (DHEXP);
4. dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP); or,
5. diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)

With this rule, now eight phthalates are restricted from use in children's toys and child care articles at concentrations of more than 0.1 percent under CPSIA.

The final rule removes the interim prohibition on diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP) and di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP).

The rule will be effective on April 25, 2018.

Link

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