



US - CPSC issued direct final rule on Phthalates Determination (16 CFR 1308)

In September 2017, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a final rule (16 CFR 1308) determination to specify seven plastics (with specified additives) would not contain the specified phthalates prohibited in children's toys and child care articles."



This means that independent third-party testing of these plastics, with the specified additives, is not required for compliance with the mandatory phthalates prohibitions on children's toys and child care articles.

In January 2018, CPSC issued direct final rule (DFR) to revise 16 CFR 1308. This DFR will bring the determinations into alignment with 16 CFR 1307 which published in late 2017.

The eight prohibited phthalates are:

- diisononyl phthalates (DINP);
- di-n-pentyl phthalates (DPENP);
- di-n-hexyl phthalates (DHEXP)
- dicyclohexyl phthalates (DCHP)
- diisobutyl phthalates (DIBP)
- di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalates (DEHP)
- dibutyl phthalate (DBP)
- benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)

Seven types of plastics with specified additives ([click to go to source link for details](#)):

- polypropylene (PP)
- polyethylene (PE)
- high-impact polystyrene (HIPS)
- acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)
- general-purpose polystyrene (GPPS)
- medium-impact polystyrene (MIPS)
- super-high-impact polystyrene (SHIPS)

Unless significant adverse comment received, this direct final rule will take effect on 25 April 2018.


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