



20% of US States Introduce Legislation Related to Cadmium Content in Children's Products

With increasing concerns on the use of cadmium and its associated health risks, **nine states in the US** have introduced legislation restricting cadmium in children's products, including children's jewelry. Three of them have passed related laws including Connecticut, Illinois and Minnesota. California, Florida, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island are currently considering similar legislation.

The Challenge:

1. Minnesota (Sparkle Vol. 500)

Bill SF2510 has been approved into law on May 15, 2010. This law shall be effective from January 1, 2011 onwards. Soluble cadmium content in children's jewelry shall not exceed 0.0075% by weight.

2. Connecticut (Sparkle Vol. 507)

Bill HB No. 5314 has been approved into law on June 4, 2010. From July 1, 2014, no person shall manufacture, sell, offer for sale or distribute any children's jewelry that the total cadmium content is more than 0.0075% by weight.

3. Illinois

Bill HB 5040 has been approved into law on July 29, 2010. The act, "Cadmium-Safe Kids Act", takes effect immediately. According to the law, no person may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use children's jewelry containing soluble cadmium content exceeding 0.0075% by weight.

The Solution:

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In order to cope with your needs on these laws compliance, Intertek has developed precise analytical methods in verifying the total or soluble concentration of cadmium.

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