



New York State Approves Bisphenol-A Ban in Child Care Products

The New York State approved Bisphenol-A Free Children and Babies Act to prohibit the manufacture, distribution and sale of certain child care products containing bisphenol-A.

The Challenge:

Effective from December 1, 2010, no person, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation shall sell or offer for sale any child care product intended for use by a children 3 years of age or younger containing bisphenol-A. Furthermore, product that does not contain the chemical bisphenol-A may prominently state "Bisphenol-A Free" or "BPA Free" to inform consumers.

For the purposes of the bill:

"Child Care Product" means all pacifiers and unfilled beverage containers to be used by children under 3 years old for the consumption of liquids including pacifiers, baby bottles, baby bottle liners and cups, cup lids, straws and sippy cups.

What is Bisphenol-A?

Bisphenol A (BPA) is used to make polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins in food contacting articles and drinking utensils. It mimics the body's own hormone and lead to negative health effects like breast cancer, prostate cancer, birth defects, male infertility, early puberty in girls, diabetes and obesity. Regulatory bodies have determined safety levels for humans, but those safety levels are currently being questioned or under review as a result of new scientific studies. **Please refer to the summary on page two to understand more about Bisphenol-A ban in other states and countries.**

The Solution:

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Intertek has also developed precise analytical methods in verifying the concentration of Bisphenol-A in various plastic products.

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Summary on Bisphenol-A Ban:

State	Scope	Status
Suffolk County, New York City	Any baby bottles and cups intended for aged 3 or younger	Effective on 90 days after filing in the Office of the Secretary of State
Minnesota	Any bottle, cup or container for aged 3 or younger	Effective on Jan 1, 2010 (Manufacturer or Wholesaler) Effective on Jan 1, 2011 (Retailer)
Chicago City	Any liquid, food or beverage container for aged 3 or younger	Effective on Jan 31, 2010
Connecticut	Any reusable food/beverage container, baby food stored in can, jar, plastic container	Effective on Oct 1, 2011
Wisconsin	Any child's container intended for aged 3 or younger	Effective on 90 days after publication
Washington	Any bottle, cup or container for aged 3 or younger	Effective on July 1, 2011
	Any sports bottle	Effective on July 1, 2012
Canada	Any polycarbonate baby bottles	Approved on Mar 11, 2010
Taiwan	Any polycarbonate baby bottles	Approved on Apr 6, 2010
Maryland	Any empty bottle or cup to be used by a child under the age 4 years	Effective on Jan 1, 2012
Rockland County, New York	Any children's beverage containers and sucking/teething products	Approved on Apr 20, 2010. Effective on 90 days after filing
Vermont	Any reusable food/beverage container, infant formula or baby food stored in a plastic container or jar	Effective on July 1, 2012
France	Any baby bottles	Effective on Jan 1, 2011
New York State	Any pacifiers, baby bottles, baby bottle liners and cups, cup lids, straws and sippy cups intended for use by a children 3 years of age or younger	Effective on Dec 1, 2010
Congress	Any food container	6 months after enactment (proposed)
California	Any baby bottles, toddlers' cups, food & drinking containers for aged 3 and younger	Passed by Assembly pending Senate's approval
Illinois	Any reusable food/beverage container, baby food stored in can, jar, plastic container	Jun 1, 2011 (proposed)
Oregon	Any children's food & liquid container intended for aged 3 or younger	Jun 1, 2012 (proposed)
Hawaii	Any toy & childcare article less than 3 years of age that can be placed in the mouth	Proposed
Massachusetts	Any childcare article less than 3 years of age	Proposed