



Germany 1st EC member to ban Chromium VI in Leather Products with a Limit Value of 3 ppm

The Challenge:

The 18th Amendment of the German Consumer Goods ordinance entered into effect on August 13th.

The following new appendix is added to annex 4:

Consumer Good	Manufacturing process
Consumer Goods made of leather which are intended to come into prolonged skin contact, in particular clothing, watch straps, bags and rucksacks, chairs and sofas, neck pouches and leather toys	Manufacturing processes that cause that chromium VI can be detected by the test method described in annex 10 no. 8

To Annex 10 the appendix no. 8 is added:

Parameter	Test Method
Determination of chromium VI	Analytical method that is published in the Official Collection of Test Methods of the Food and Feed Act acc. § 64 B 82.02-11 (2008-10)*

* the detection limit of this method is 3 mg/kg

80 % of the worldwide produced leather is chromium tanned. Highly toxic residues of chromium VI can be avoided by strict process control and easy available additives.

Chromium VI is a strong sensitizing and allergenic agent that may lead to clinically manifest contact eczema. Moreover chromium VI is classified as carcinogenic. Under unfavorable conditions chromium VI may be generated in leather goods during shipment and storage.

The Solution:

As your trusted partner Intertek's global network offers worldwide reliable chromium VI tests for all kinds of leather goods. By a special leather ageing method we can make sure that your item during shipping and storage will not generate any additional chromium VI.

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