The Canadian Children's Jewellery Regulations Approved

The Canadian Government has approved the Children's Jewellery Regulations which was proposed in year 2003. With immediate effect, the import, advertisement or sale of children's jewellery items containing more than 600mg/kg total lead and 90mg/kg migratable lead would be prohibited.

Children's jewellery means jewellery that is produced, sized, decorated, packaged, advertised or sold in a manner that appeals to a child under 15 years of age. However, it does not include merit badges, medals for achievement or other similar objects, which are not meant for regular wear on the body.

An Enforcement Policy has been drafted for the purpose of these Regulations and was expected to be finalized in July 2005. I would like to draw your attention to the following points of the document:

1. Jewellery components such as beads, chains, and clasps, which are sold separately, either individually or in kits are also covered;

2. The last amendment to Schedule I of the Hazardous Products Act (Sparkle Vol.199/May 2005) pertaining to the total lead content requirement (600mg/kg) on surface coating material is also applied on children's jewellery;

3. The lead content limits apply to all accessible components of children's jewellery items, whether metallic or non-metallic.

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