Canada proposes tighter limits on Glazed Ceramics and Glassware Drinking Vessels

Health Canada proposes to further restrict the limits* for the leaching of lead and cadmium from the lip and rim area of drinking vessels with a distinctive exterior decorative pattern. According to the new requirement, such drinking vessels shall not release lead in excess of 4mg/L or cadmium in excess of 0.4mg/L.

The purpose of the proposal is to eliminate unnecessary lead exposure in children and Canadian public. Since continued exposure to lead can affect or even cause damages the brain, nervous system or kidneys. The risk of lead poisoning is higher in children because their developing bodies absorb more lead, eliminate less lead, and are more sensitive to lead’s damaging effects.

*The current limits are lead in excess of 25mg/L or cadmium in excess of 1.75mg/L.

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