More States in the USA propose to prohibit the use of Phthalates or Bisphenol-A in Toys and Child Care Articles

In the US, many states have proposed Bills prohibiting the use of bisphenol-A and certain phthalates. The states of Hawaii, Illinois, West Virginia and Washington have also recently introduced bills pertaining to the restrictions of use of bisphenol-A and certain phthalates.

Hawaii:

Upon approval, no person may manufacture, sell or distribute in commerce any toy or child care article that:

1. contains DEHP, DBP, or BBP in concentrations exceeding 0.1%; or
2. is intended for use by a child under 3 years of age and contains Bisphenol-A; or
3. is intended for use by a child under 3 years of age if that product can be placed in the child's mouth and contains DINP, DIDP, or DNOP in concentrations exceeding 0.1%.

Illinois and West Virginia:

Upon approval, on or after January 1, 2009, no person may manufacture, sell or distribute in commerce any toy or child care article that:

1. contains DEHP, DBP, or BBP in concentrations exceeding 0.1%; or
2. is intended for use by a child under 3 years of age if that product can be placed in the child's mouth and contains DINP, DIDP, or DNOP in concentrations exceeding 0.1%.

Washington:

Upon approval, on or after January 1, 2009, no person may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in this state a children's product or product component that contains phthalates (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, or DNOP), individually or in combination, at more than 0.01% by weight;

For the purpose of this Bill, “Children's product” includes toys, child care articles (including clothing), child car seats, cosmetics (excluding soap) and children jewelry for children aged 12 and under.

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