

## US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Publishes Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) on Phthalates in Toys and Child Care Articles

On December 30, 2014, the CPSC published a NPR for “Prohibition of Children’s Toy and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates” in the Federal Register. The commission is seeking the public comment on this proposed rule until March 16, 2015.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), which was enacted on August 14, 2008, established permanent and temporary prohibitions of selected phthalates. The interim prohibitions remain in place until the Commission issues a final rule determining whether to make the interim prohibitions permanent. The CPSIA requires a Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) to study the effects of phthalates and phthalate alternatives as used in children’s toys and child care articles and to provide recommendations to the Commission regarding whether any phthalates or phthalate alternatives other than those already permanently prohibited should be prohibited. And the proposed rule was finally issued based on the CHAP report.

Below is the summary of the proposed prohibition:

Status	Name	Scope	Requirement	Effective Date
Permanently Banned by the CPSIA	Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	Toys and child care article	≤0.1%	180 days after publication of the final rule in the Federal Register
	Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP)		≤0.1%	
	Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)		≤0.1%	
Interim Banned by the CPSIA	Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)		Remove interim ban	
	Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)		≤0.1%	
	Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP)		Remove interim ban	
Not banned by the CPSIA	Diisobutyl phthalate(DIBP)		≤0.1%	
	Di-n-pentyl phthalate(DPENP)		≤0.1%	
	Di-n-hexyl phthalate(DHEXP)		≤0.1%	
	Dicyclohexyl phthalate(DCHP)		≤0.1%	

### Link

Federal Register: 16 CFR Part 1307 (Notice of Proposed Rule Making)

[http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Rulemaking/Final-and-Proposed-Rules/Prohibition-of-Childrens-Toys-and-Child-Care-Articles-Containing-Specified-Phthalates/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=Final+and+Proposed+Rules](http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Rulemaking/Final-and-Proposed-Rules/Prohibition-of-Childrens-Toys-and-Child-Care-Articles-Containing-Specified-Phthalates/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=Final+and+Proposed+Rules)

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