

CPSC Proposed Rule to Exempt Certain Plastics from Phthalates Testing

On August 17, 2016, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) to exempt four plastics from third-party phthalates testing.

The proposed rule determines that certain plastics would not contain the six phthalates (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP and DnOP) currently prohibited in children's toy and child care articles. Based on these determinations, companies would not be required to have third party phthalates testing on the following plastics:

- Polypropylene
- Polyethylene
- High-impact polystyrene
- Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene

This proposal would not affect the 0.1% limit for each of the restricted phthalates, but it would reduce testing cost on children's product while continuing to ensure compliance.

The comment on the proposed rule must be submitted by September 31, 2016.

Link

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Aug 3, 2016

<http://www.cpsc.gov/Global/Newsroom/FOIA/CommissionBriefingPackages/2016/NoticeofProposedRulemaking-ThirdPartyDeterminationsExpansion-SpecificPlastics-August32016.pdf>

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