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## MARYLAND BANS BPA IN CERTAIN CHILD CARE ARTICLES

The Governor of Maryland recently signed House Bill (HB) 33 into law to prohibit bisphenol A (BPA) in certain child care articles for children under the age of 4 years. HB33 becomes law on July 1, 2010.

On April 13, 2010, the governor of Maryland approved [HB 33](#) (companion bill SB 213, read more for [Senate Bill 213](#)) to prohibit the use of BPA in the manufacture, sale or distribution of certain child care articles designed or intended to be used by a child under the age of 4 years. However, the law also includes the provision that, in the event that a U.S. Federal law regulating the use of BPA in child care articles is enacted, 'child care article' shall be defined as specified in the Federal Law.

Beginning January 1, 2012, a person may not manufacture, knowingly sell, or distribute in commerce any childcare article containing BPA. The new law also requires the use of the least toxic alternatives when replacing BPA.

These alternatives may **not** be:

- Carcinogens in Group A, B or C as defined by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- Reproductive toxicants that cause birth defects, reproductive harm or development harm as defined by the US EPA.

Substance	Scope	Requirement	Effective Date
Bisphenol-A (BPA)	<b>Child Care Article</b> An empty bottle or cup to be filled with food or liquid that is designed or intended by a manufacturer to be used by a child under the age of 4 years	Prohibited	January 1, 2012

SGS will follow up and inform interested parties about developments on regulations or policies in consumer products as a complementary service.

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for BPA and other restricted substances in a comprehensive range of consumer products for the US and worldwide requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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