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CHICAGO FIRST US CITY TO BAN BPA

The City of Chicago became the first US City to ban the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in containers designed to be filled with food or liquid for children under the age of three. The new law will take effect on January 31, 2010.

On 28 May, 2009, the City of Chicago in the state of Illinois approved the ban on bisphenol-A in containers for children under the age of three ¹. Chicago became the third jurisdiction in the US, following Suffolk County in Long Island, New York ², and the state of Minnesota ³, to ban the

use of BPA in containers for children.

The new law will be enforced by the department of business affairs and consumer protection. Retailers are required to post signs in stores to notify customers that containers for sale in the store do not contain BPA. Any person in violation shall be fined USD 100-300 for the first offense and USD 300-500 for each subsequent offence. In addition to civil penalties, the permit, license or certificate of operation may be suspended or revoked. Summary of the new law is highlighted in the Table below.

City (State)	Substance	Regulation	Scope	Requirement	Effective Date
Chicago (Illinois)	Bisphenol A	BPA-Free Kids Ordinance Section 7-28-637 Chapter 7-28, Municipal Code of Chicago	Containers - Empty bottle or cup to be filled with food or liquid for children under 3 years old	Prohibited	January 31, 2010

SGS is committed to inform interested parties as development on BPA and international legislation occur.

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical

testing and consultancy for BPA in a comprehensive range of children's products and other consumer products for the US and worldwide markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

- ¹ [Chicago Protects Infants by Banning BPA, Chicago Tribune](#), May 28, 2009
[BPA-Free Kids Ordinance, Section 7-28-637, Chapter 7-28, Municipal Code of Chicago](#)
- ² New York Suffolk County First in US to Ban Bisphenol-A, Safeguards 71/09, Hardlines, SGS Consumer Testing Services
- ³ [SafeGuards 088/09: US BPA Updates: Minnesota Bans BPA, Chicago Awaits Mayor's Signature](#)

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