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## AUSTRIA BANS BPA IN PACIFIERS AND TEETHERS

On 6 October 2011, the prohibition of bisphenol A (BPA) in pacifiers and teethers was published in the Federal Law Journal for the Republic of Austria<sup>1</sup>. The new law amends the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Act (Lebensmittelsicherheits-und Verbraucherschutz, LMSVG) and takes effect three months after the first of the month following its promulgation. Highlights of the new law are summarised in Table 1.

### TABLE 1. THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR NON-CHEMICAL HAZARDS

| SUBSTANCE | REGULATION   | SCOPE | REQUIREMENT   | EFFECTIVE DATE                    |
|-----------|--|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| BPA       | Austrian Food Safety and Consumer Protection<br>Act, LMSVG (327 <sup>th</sup> Regulation of the Ministry of<br>Health, October 2011) |       | Prohibited to manufacture<br>or place on the market | January 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>2012 |

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for BPA for the Austrian, EU and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

<sup>1</sup> Ban on the use of bisphenol A in pacifiers and teethers, 327<sup>th</sup> Regulation, Part II, Federal Law Journal for the Republic of Austria, 6 October 2011 and references therein



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