

# SAFEGUARDS

## CONSUMER GOODS AND RETAIL

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## PHILIPPINES RESTRICTS LEAD IN TOYS AND CERTAIN CONSUMER PRODUCTS

The Republic of Philippines has recently issued an Order to restrict lead content in paints and certain consumer products. The effective date is dependent on the nature of the product and starts in January 2014.

On 23 December 2013, the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Republic of Philippines announced the issuance of Administrative Order No. 2013-24 'Chemical Control Order (COO) for Lead and Lead Compounds'<sup>1</sup> to restrict lead and lead compounds in:

1. Cosmetics
2. Food contact packaging
3. Fuel additives
4. Paints for architectural, decorative and household applications
5. Paints for industrial applications
6. School supplies
7. Toys
8. Water pipes

The new Order applies to importers, distributors, manufacturers, industrial users, recyclers and waste service providers (transporters, treaters and disposers) and comes into effect on 18 January 2014, 15 days after publication in the newspaper 'Malaya' and upon acknowledgment of receipt of a copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR). Highlights of the DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-24 are summarised in Table 1 and 'Other Requirements'.



<sup>1</sup> DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-24 'Chemical Control Order (COO) for lead and lead compounds', DENR, Philippines, 23 December 2013

TABLE 1.

JURISDICTION	SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Philippines	Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosmetics</li> <li>• Food contact packaging</li> <li>• Fuel additives</li> <li>• School supplies</li> <li>• Toys</li> <li>• Water pipes</li> </ul>	Prohibited	18 January 2014
		Paints for architectural, decorative and household applications	≤ 90 ppm	1 January 2016
		Paints for industrial applications	≤ 90 ppm	1 January 2019

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Labelling

- Labelling requirements conforming to the provisions of Globalised Harmonised System (GHS)
- Warning label stating that lead dust is hazardous for children, pregnant women and the elderly

2. Lead in paints allowed until 2019 provided precautionary labelling is placed on the products:

- Automobile paints
- Industrial and commercial building and equipment maintenance coatings
- Refinish coatings for industrial equipment
- Catalysed coatings for use on radio-controlled model powered airplanes

- Touch up coatings for appliances and lawn garden equipment

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for lead and other restricted substances in toys and consumer products for the Philippines and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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