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## BELGIAN SENATE APPROVES BAN ON BPA IN CERTAIN FOOD CONTACT PRODUCTS

In January 2012, the Senate of Belgium approved a proposal to prohibit the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in the manufacture of food contact materials and articles for children under the age of three<sup>1</sup>. In order for the proposal to become law, the text must be approved by the House of Representatives. The proposed effective date is 1 January 2013. Highlights of the proposal are summarised in the table below:

JURISDICTION	SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
Belgium	BPA	Food contact materials and articles for children under 3 years of age	Prohibited	1 Jan 2013

In the European Union, the migration of BPA is regulated in plastic food contact materials and articles under Regulation (EU) 10/2011 and prohibited specifically in polycarbonate infant feeding bottles under Regulation (EU) 321/2011<sup>2</sup>. BPA content is regulated in additional products exceeding EU requirements in [Austria](#) (pacifiers and teethers), [Denmark](#) (food contact materials and articles for children up to the age of three) and [France](#) (baby bottles).

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<sup>1</sup> [Document legislatif n°5-338/8](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Safeguards 017/11, 071/11](#)

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