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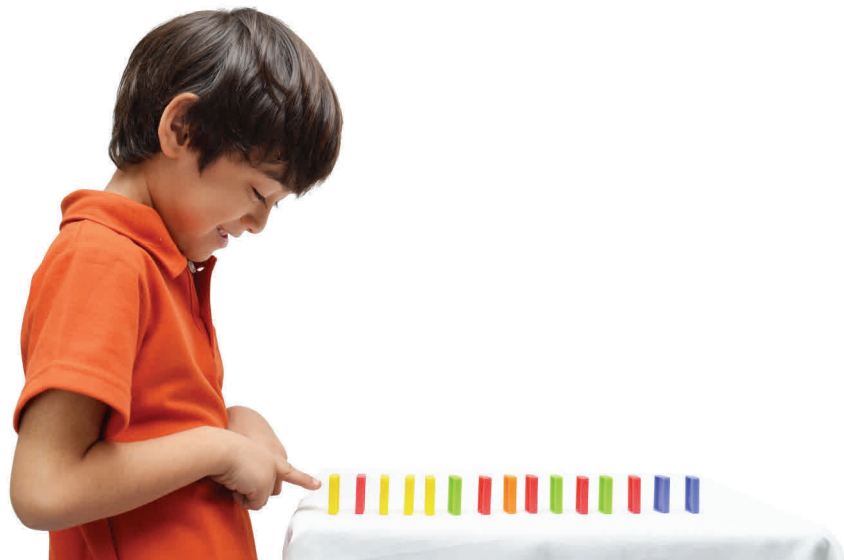
BRAZIL PROPOSES TO REGULATE CADMIUM IN TOYS AND JEWELLERY PRODUCTS

Brazil has introduced legislation to restrict cadmium in toys, jewellery and accessories. The proposed effective date is date of publication in the Official Journal.

In November 2013, the Brazil National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) reported that a shipment of 16 tonnes of cadmium-containing jewellery was detained at the Port of Rio de Janeiro. Although the high concentrations of cadmium found in these products did not present an imminent and significant risk to the public, the four regulatory agencies (1-4) decided to explore the potential restriction of cadmium in jewellery¹.

1. Ministry of Health
2. National Consumer Protection Authority (SENACON)
3. National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) and
4. National Institute of Technology, Normalisation and Industrial Quality (INMETRO)

In late November 2013, Brazil introduced bill PL 6786/2013 to regulate cadmium content in jewellery as well as



toys and accessories². The proposal would restrict cadmium content to no more than 300 mg/kg (0.03%). The proposed effective date is the date of publication in the Diário Oficial da União (Federal Official Gazette of Brazil). Highlights of the proposal are summarised in Table 1.

¹ [Nota conjunta da Anvisa e Senacon sobre cádmio em bijuterias da China, 22 November 2013, ANVISA. \(site in Portuguese\)](#)

² [PL 6786/2013 \(site in Portuguese\)](#)

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF BILL PL 6786/2013

JURISDICTION	SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Brazil	Cadmium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toys Jewellery and accessories 	≤ 300 mg/kg $(\leq 0.03\%)$	Date of publication in Official Journal (Federal Official Gazette of Brazil)

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