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### NEW YORK STATE PROPOSES TO PROHIBIT FORMAMIDE IN PRODUCTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

New York recently introduced two proposals to prohibit the use of formamide in foam mat products. The enforcement date would be 1 December 2017.

On 7 January 2015, the New York State Legislature introduced bill A106 and companion bill S583 to prohibit the use of formamide in foam mat products for children up to the age of three<sup>1</sup>. If approved, the new law will take effect on the date of enactment and the prohibition of formamide will be enforced starting 1 December, 2017.

Under the proposal, "foam mat product" is defined as mats, mattresses and cushions, including mats, pads, mattresses and cushions for connection with bedding, changing platforms, strollers and carriages, high chairs, car seats, play pens and toys.



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<sup>1</sup> [A106, 2015 Legislature](#)  
[Companion bill S583, 2015 Legislature](#)

TABLE 1.

FORMAMIDE-FREE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS ACT [A106 (COMPANION BILL S583), 2015 LEGISLATURE]				
SUBSTANCE	SYNONYM / TRADE NAME	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	ENFORCEMENT DATE
Formamide (CAS 75-12-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methanamide</li> <li>Carbamide</li> </ul>	Foam mat products for children up to the age of 3	Prohibited	1 December 2017
<b>Definition</b> Foam mat product means mats, mattresses and cushions, including mats, pads, mattresses and cushions for connection with bedding, changing platforms, strollers and carriages, high chairs, car seats, play pens and toys.				

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