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## EGYPT RESTRICTS PHTHALATES FOR TOYS AND CHILDCARE ARTICLES

In April 2013, the Egyptian Organisation for Standardisation and Quality (ESO) informed the World Trade Organisation (WTO) that they have adopted the mandatory standard ES 7562/2013 'Restriction on the use of phthalates and their derivatives in toys and childcare articles'<sup>1</sup>.

The standard is mandatory and complies with the former European Directive 2005/84/EC (Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) 552/2009, REACH). It also provides guidance on the interpretation of the concept 'which can be placed in the mouth'.

The standard ES 7562/2013 is obligated by Ministerial Decree No. 92/2013 and has a 6-month transitional period, from 24 February 2013 to 24 August 2013<sup>2</sup>.

Highlights of the standard are summarised in Table 1.



Item	Phthalate	Regulation	Method	Scope	Requirement	Effective date
1	DEHP DBP BBP	Ministerial Decree No. 92/2013	ES 7562/2013	Plasticised materials in toys and childcare articles	≤ 0.1% (sum)	25 February 2013 (6-month transitional period until 24 August 2013)
2	DIDP DINP DNOP			Plasticised materials in toys and childcare articles which can be placed in the mouth	≤ 0.1% (sum)	

<sup>1</sup> [Egypt – EGY / 33](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Ministerial Decree No. 92/2013](#)





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