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CANADA PROPOSES TO AMEND THE CHILDREN'S JEWELLERY REGULATIONS

Canada has announced a Regulatory Initiative to amend the Children's Jewellery Regulations. A 75-day period for public comments is expected to take place during the Fall of 2014.

In June 2014, Health Canada announced a Regulatory Initiative to amend the Children's Jewellery Regulations (SOR/2011-19)¹. Health Canada is proposing an amendment to reduce children's exposure to lead and cadmium in children's jewellery that can fit into a small parts cylinder. The proposed limits restrict lead content to no more than 90 mg/kg and cadmium content to no more than 130 mg/kg in the affected products.

The announcement advises that Canadians will have the opportunity to provide additional input during the Canada Gazette, Part 1 public comment period, which is anticipated to take place during the Fall of 2014 and will last 75 days.

Highlights of the Regulatory Initiative and the existing requirements under the Children's Jewellery Regulations (SOR/2011-19) are summarised in Table 1.

¹ [Health Canada](#)



TABLE 1.

CANADA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY ACT (CCPSA)		
	Children's Jewellery Regulations SOR/2011-19	Regulatory Initiative: Regulations Amending the Children's Jewellery Regulations – Forward Regulatory Plan 2014-2016
Substance	Lead	Lead Cadmium
Scope	Jewellery for children under the age of 15	Jewellery for children under the age of 15
Requirement	≤ 600 mg/kg lead content ≤ 90 mg/kg migratable lead	Jewellery that can be totally enclosed in a small parts cylinder ≤ 90 mg/kg lead content ≤ 130 mg/kg cadmium content
Remark	—	75-Day period for public comment anticipated to take place during Fall of 2014
Effective Date	June 2011	—

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for lead, cadmium and other chemical substances in jewellery for Canada and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



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