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## FRANCE EXTENDS TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF FORMAMIDE IN TOY PUZZLE MATS

France recently extended the restriction of formamide in toy puzzle mats for a further 12 months. The new law takes effect on 15 September 2014.

In August 2013, France published Decree of 1 August 2013 to restrict formamide in toy puzzle mats to no more than 200 mg/kg for a period of 1 year<sup>1</sup>. On 3 October 2014, Decree of 15 September 2014 was published in the Official Journal of the French Republic to extend the temporary suspension of formamide in toy puzzle mats for another year; from 15 September 2014 to 14 August 2015<sup>2</sup>. The limit of no more than 200 mg/kg remains unchanged. Highlights of the former and new laws are summarised in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup> [SafeGuardS 148/13](#) and references therein

<sup>2</sup> [Decree of 15 September 2014](#)

Jurisdiction	Regulation	Substance	Scope	Requirement	Enforcement Date (for 1 year)
France	Decree of 1 August 2013	Formamide	Toy Puzzle Mats	≤ 200 mg/kg	1 August 2013
	Decree of 15 September 2014				15 September 2014

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