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DENMARK BANS CERTAIN PHTHALATES IN SPECIFIC CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Denmark recently approved measures to restrict 4 forms of phthalates in products for indoor use and materials in products that may come into contact with skin or the mucous membrane. The effective date is dependent on the nature of the product and starts on 1 December 2013.

In September 2012, we informed you that Denmark made an announcement to restrict the use of 4 phthalates, DEHP (bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate), BBP (benzylbutyl phthalate), DBP (dibutyl phthalate) and DIBP (Diisobutyl phthalate) in certain consumer products¹.

On 30 November 2012, the Denmark Lovtidende A published Executive Order 1113 of 26 November 2012 to reflect the announcement to restrict DEHP, BBP, DBP and DIBP in

- Products for indoor use and
- Material parts in products that may come into contact with skin or mucous membranes

The effective date is dependent on the nature of the product and starts on 1 December 2013². Highlights of the new law are summarised in Table 1.



¹ [SGS-Safeguards 161/12](#)

² <https://www.lovtidende.dk/Forms/L0700.aspx?s31=10&s19=1113&s20=2012>
<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=143212>

TABLE 1.

JURISDICTION	REGULATION	PHthalATE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Denmark	Executive Order 1113 of 26 November 2012	DEHP DBP BBP DIBP	Products for indoor use Materials in products that may come into contact with skin or mucous membrane	≤ 0.1% each phthalate	1 December 2013
					1 Dec 2014 (electrical products under Rohs Recast)

Exemption

- I. Medical equipment
- II. Inner seals for drugs
- III. Toys
- IV. DEHP, DBP and BBP for Infant articles. Infant articles are products that are likely to be mouthed by children aged 0-3 years old, especially pacifiers, bibs, jewellery, bath equipment etc
- V. Cosmetic products
- VI. Food contact materials and articles
- VII. Used products that comply with Danish requirements

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for phthalates and other restricted substances in consumer products for the Danish and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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