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In 2008, the US state of Maine enacted an Act to Protect Children's Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's Products (Public Law 643, LD 2048, 123rd Session). Under this law, at least 2 priority chemicals are required to be designated by January 1, 2011. In December 2010, the designation of bisphenol-A (BPA), nonylphenol (NP) and nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEO) as priority chemicals and the regulation of BPA in reusable food contact products were adopted and became effective on January 9, 2011.

Upon adoption, information for certain products is required to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) if such products contain BPA, NP or NPEO. The use of BPA is also prohibited in reusable food or beverage containers from January 2012. Highlights of the new laws are summarised in Table 1.

¹ [An Act to Protect Children's Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's Products](#), H.P. 1432 - L.D. 2048, Public Law Chapter 643, 123rd Regular Legislature,

² [Maine Chemicals of High Concern List](#),

³ [Safer Chemicals in Children's Products](#), Department of Environmental Protection, State of Maine, and references therein

Substance (Regulation)	Scope	Requirement	Effective Date
BPA (Chapter 882)	Manufacturer of infant formula or baby food sold in plastic container, jar or can	Submit information to DEP	By July 8, 2011 (Not later than 180 days after January 9, 2011)
	Manufacturer of toy, childcare article and tableware		
	Reusable food or beverage container	Prohibited	January 1, 2012
NP & NPEO (Chapter 883)	Manufacturers of <ul style="list-style-type: none">Household and commercial cleaning productsCosmetics and personal care productsHome maintenance products	Submit report to DEP	By July 8, 2011 (Not later than 180 days after January 9, 2011)

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SGS will follow up and keep you informed about developments on regulations or policies in consumer products as a complimentary service.

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