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## FRANCE EXTENDS BAN ON FORMAMIDE IN PUZZLE MATS

The temporary prohibition of formamide in puzzle mats in France has now been extended to 15 July 2011.

In December 2010, Belgium and France were the first Member States in the European Union (EU) to prohibit the use of formamide in puzzle mats<sup>1</sup>. At that time, France prohibited the marketing of puzzle mats for three months. On 14 March, 2011, France extended this prohibition to 15 July 2011 (Arrêté du 14 Mars 2011)<sup>2</sup>. Highlights of the new extension are summarised in the table below.

SUBSTANCE (CAS)	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	PROHIBITED UNTIL
Formamide (75-12-7)	Puzzle mats	Prohibited	15 July 2011

SGS will follow-up and inform about developments on regulations or policies in consumer products as a complimentary service.

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



<sup>1</sup> [SGS-Safeguards 21110 BELGIUM AND FRANCE PROHIBIT FORMAMIDE IN PUZZLE MATS](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Arrêté du 14 mars 2011 modifiant l'arrêté du 14 décembre 2010 et prorogeant la suspension de la mise sur le marché des jouets en mousse « tapis-puzzles » contenant du formamide. NOR: EFIC1106850A](#)

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