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AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES VOLUNTARY BAN ON BPA

On 30 June 2010, the Australian Parliamentary Secretary for Health announced the phase out of chemical, bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles by major retailers¹. The voluntary phase out is the result of months of constructive discussions between the Australian Government and retailers. The phase out is effective on July, 1st 2010. Highlights of the Australian announcement are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1

Substance	Scope	Voluntary Phase out by	Effective date
Bisphenol-A (BPA)	Baby bottles	Wesfarmers Group (Coles, K Mart and Target) Woolworths Big W Aldi	July, 1st 2010

Since 2009, a number of jurisdictions have banned the use of BPA in baby bottles and other food contact products, including Canada², Denmark³, France⁴ and the United States (State and local government levels)².

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

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

¹ [Government Announces BPA Baby Bottle Phase Out, the Hon Mark Butler MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Media Release, 30 June 2010](#)

² [Summary of BPA Regulations for the North American Market, Safeguards 69/10, SGS Consumer Testing Services, April 2010](#)

³ [Denmark Bans Bisphenol A in Infant Food Contact Materials, Safeguards 59/10, SGS Consumer Testing Services, April 2010](#)

⁴ [France Bans Bisphenol-A in Baby Bottles, Safeguards 121/10, SGS Consumer Testing Services, July 2010](#)

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