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NEW YORK SUFFOLK COUNTY BANS BPA IN THERMAL RECEIPT PAPERS

Suffolk County in the state of New York became the first local government in the US to prohibit BPA in thermal receipt papers. The new law takes effect 1 year upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York.

On 3 January 2013, the County Executive of Suffolk County signed Resolution No. 1091-2012 "The Safer Sales Slip Act" into law. The new Act covers "thermal paper containing BPA [used] as a receipt of purchase for any sale made in the County of Suffolk". Any person who violates this law will be subjected to a civil penalty of USD 500 for an initial violation and a penalty of USD 1000 for each subsequent violation. The new Act will take effect one year after being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

By approving the new measures, Suffolk County becomes the first local government and the second jurisdiction in the US to regulate BPA in thermal receipt papers. Highlights of the new Act and a comparison with the BPA ban in thermal receipt papers in Connecticut are summarised in Table 1.



¹ [Resolution No. 1091-2012, The Safer Sales Slip Act](#)

² [SGS-SafeguardS 136/11](#) and references therein

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TABLE 1.

JURISDICTION	CITATION	SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Connecticut	Public Act 11-222	BPA	Thermal receipt paper	Prohibited	1 October 2013 otherwise 1 July 2015 if EPA does not identify a commercially viable alternative to BPA in thermal receipt paper before 30 June 2013
Suffolk County (New York)	Safer Sales Receipt Act 'Resolution No. 1091-2012'				One year after being filed in the Office of Secretary of State (anticipate to be enforced from Feb 2014)

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for BPA in thermal receipt papers as well as food contact materials and articles for the US and worldwide markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



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