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SWEDEN BANS BPA IN FOOD PACKAGING PAINTS AND COATINGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Sweden recently approved measures to prohibit bisphenol A (BPA) in paints and coatings in food packaging for young children. The new law takes effect on 1 July 2013.

In May 2012, we informed you that the Swedish Ministry of Environment announced measures to prohibit BPA in certain materials in food packaging for children up to the age of 3¹.

On 4 January 2013, the Swedish Code of Statutes (SFS, Svensk författningssamling) published SFS 2012:991 to prohibit BPA in paints and coatings in food packaging for children up to the age of 3². The new measures amend the Food Regulation 2006:813 and will take effect on 1 July 2013.

By approving the new measures, Sweden becomes one of 5 Member States in the EU to institute some form of ban on BPA in specific materials and / or products; joining Austria, Belgium, Denmark and France.

Highlights of the new law and a comparison on the restriction of BPA in the EU and other Member States are summarised in Table 1.

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



¹ [SGS-SafeguardS 074/13: SWEDEN PROPOSES TO PROHIBIT BPA IN CERTAIN FOOD CONTACT PRODUCTS](#)

² [SFS 2012:991, Svensk författningssamling, 4 January 2013 \(in Swedish\)](#)

TABLE 1.

JURISDICTION	CITATION	SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, IS BPA CONTENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
EU	Regulation (EU) 10/2011	BPA	Food contact plastics	≤ 0.6 mg/kg in food simulant (migration)	Dec 2012
EU	Regulation (EU) 321/2011	BPA	Polycarbonate infant feeding bottles for children up to the age of 1	Prohibited	Jun 2012
Austria	Food Safety and Consumer Protection Act, LMSVG	BPA	Pacifiers and teethers	Prohibited	Jan 2012
Denmark	Danish Veterinary and Food Administration	BPA	Food contact materials and articles for children up to the age of 3	Prohibited	2010
Belgium	Act of 4 Sept 2012	BPA	Food contact materials and articles for children up to the age of 3	Prohibited	1 Jan 2013
France	Act 2010-729	BPA	Baby bottles	Prohibited	2010
	Act 2012-1442 of 24 Dec 2012	BPA	Food contact materials and articles for children up to 3 years old (Article 2, Directive 2006/141/EC) and follow-on formulas (Directive 1999/21/EC)	Prohibited	1 Jan 2013
		BPA	Food contact materials and articles other than above	Prohibited	1 Jan 2015
Sweden	SFS 2012:991	BPA	Paints and coatings in food packaging intended for children up to three	Prohibited	1 Jul 2013

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