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BRAZIL SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CADMIUM AND LEAD IN JEWELLERY

Brazil has opened a public consultation period for a proposal to restrict cadmium and lead in jewellery. If enacted, the enforcement date will be determined by the nature of the economic operator and will start 6 months after publication in the Official Gazette.

On 28 January 2015, the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro) of Brazil published Ordinance No. 60 to launch a 60-day public consultation to restrict cadmium and lead in jewellery¹.

The proposal

- restricts cadmium content to less than 0.01% (100 mg/kg)
- restricts lead content to less than 0.03% (300 mg/kg)
- requires testing records from accredited labs to be made available to the authorities on request

If enacted, the enforcement date will be

- 6 months after publication in the Official Gazette for manufacturers and importers
- 12 months after publication in the Official Gazette for wholesalers and retailers

Highlights of the proposal are summarised in Table 1.



¹ [Consulta Pública, Portaria no. 60 de 28 de Janeiro de 2015 \(Brazilian Portuguese\)](#)

TABLE 1.

ORDINANCE NO. 60 OF 28 JANUARY 2015 PUBLIC CONSULTATION			
SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	ENFORCEMENT DATE
Cadmium	Jewellery	< 0.01%	Manufacturers and importers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 months upon publication in the Official Gazette
Lead		< 0.03%	Wholesalers and retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months upon publication in the Official Gazette

NOTE:

- Comments to be submitted by 30 March 2015
- Ordinance will enter into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette
- Manufacturers and / or importers to keep records of reports from laboratories accredited by Cgcre / Inmetro or signatories to ILAC or IAAC agreements
- Reports to be submitted to authorities on request

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