Taiwan recently announced the ban of bisphenol A (BPA) in baby bottles manufactured in or imported into Taiwan according to the amendment gazette published by the Department of Health (DoH) on 9 April 2013. The effective date is 1 September 2013.

According to the amendment gazette published on 9 April, there are amendments on Article 5, 6 and 7 of the “Sanitation Standard for Food Utensils, Containers and Packages”, including:

- addition of new requirement on prohibition of BPA in baby bottles in article 5;
- relocation of the general specification for food utensils, containers and packaging to article 6; and
- deletion on limits of BPA in dissolution testing on polycarbonate, polyphenylene sulfone and polyethersulfone for baby bottles.

The amended provisions will become effective from 1 September 2013 for baby bottles manufactured and imported into Taiwan. From 1 March 2014, the amended provisions will be applied to all baby bottles on the market.

**JURISDICTION | CITATION | SUBSTANCE | SCOPE | REQUIREMENT | EFFECTIVE DATE**
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Taiwan | 9 April Gazette amending the Sanitation Standard for Food Utensils, Containers and Packages | BPA | Baby bottle (Plastic) | Prohibited | 1 September 2013 - Baby bottles manufactured in or imported into Taiwan
1 March 2014 - all baby bottles on the market

Highlights of the BPA ban in Taiwan are summarized in the table below. 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 consumer products for the international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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