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RHODE ISLAND FIRST US STATE TO REGULATE CHILDREN'S JEWELLERY TO ASTM F 2923

The US State of Rhode Island (RI) recently approved a bill to regulate children's jewellery to standards listed in ASTM F 2923-11. The effective date for compliance is 18 December 2012.

In November 2011, ASTM International published the new voluntary standard method ASTM F 2923-11 'Standard Specifications for Consumer Product Safety for Children's Jewellery'¹. The standard established test methods and requirements for specified restricted substances as well as requirements for certain mechanical hazards in children's jewellery². It also provided guidelines to identify jewellery designed and intended primarily for children up to 12 years old as well as those primarily for use by consumers 13 and older.

On 21 June 2012, the governor of Rhode Island signed [bill S 2482](#) 'Comprehensive Children's Jewelry Safety Act' into law³. The new law establishes RI as the first State in the US to regulate children's jewellery to ASTM F 2923-11. Children's jewellery manufactured after 18 December 2012 (180 days after enactment) is required to be in compliance. Highlights of the new law are summarised in the table below:

JURISDICTION	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
US Rhode Island	Jewellery for children up to the age of 12	ASTM F 2923-2011	18 December 2012 (manufacturing)

For a summary of the technical specifications under ASTM F 2923-11, please see our [Safeguards 203/11](#).

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for ASTM F 2923-11 in children's jewellery and other restricted substances in consumer products for the US and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

¹ [New Standard for Children's Jewelry Is Issued by ASTM International](#)

² [ASTM F 2923-11](#)

³ [Safety guidelines enacted for children's jewelry](#)

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