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NEW YORK EXPANDS RESTRICTION OF FLAME RETARDANTS IN CHILDCARE ARTICLES AND TOYS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

In August 2011, New York approved the 'TRIS-Free Children and Babies Act' to prohibit the use of tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TRIS, TCEP) in childcare products and toys for children under three years of age. The law took effect in December 2013.¹

On 18 September 2014, the Governor of New York signed A4741²/S3703-B³ into law⁴. The new law amends the existing legislation on the restriction of TCEP to include tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TRIS, TDCPP) in childcare articles, including toys, for children under the age of 3. The new law expands the definition of TRIS to include TDCPP. The new restriction takes effect on 1 December 2015.

Highlights of the existing law on TCEP and the new law on TDCPP are summarised in Table 1.



TABLE 1.

NEW YORK TRIS-FREE CHILDREN AND BABIES ACT				
CITATION (BILL)	FLAME RETARDANT	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Chapter 259 [A6195 (2011)]	TCEP	Childcare products for children under the age of three including <ul style="list-style-type: none">Baby products	Prohibited	1 December 2013
Chapter 354 [A4741 / S3703-B (2014)]	TDCPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Car seatsCrib mattressesNursing pillowsToys	Prohibited	1 December 2015

¹ [SGS-Safeguard 151/11](#)

² [A4741](#)

³ [S3707-B](#)

⁴ [Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation to Protect Young Children from Harmful Chemical Found in Consumer Products, Governor's Press Office, 18 September 2014](#)

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