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WASHINGTON STATE CSPA REPORTING RULE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED

Washington State has published key guidance documents for the implementation of Children's Safe Products Act (CSPA) Reporting Rule¹. The rule requires manufacturers of children's products to report if their products contain certain chemicals that are considered by WA State to be Chemicals of High Concern for Children (CHCC).

In July 2011, the Department of Ecology (DOE) of Washington State published four draft guidance documents to assist industry in complying with the reporting requirement on CHCC in certain children's products.²

On 6, September 2011, the WA State published critical guidance documents that delineate the implementation of the CSPA reporting rule. The law passed by the state of Washington in 2008 established a reporting rule for 66 chemicals if one or more of those chemicals are contained in certain children's products. The reporting rule is triggered if a CHCC is present as a contaminant at a concentration of more than 100 ppm or as an intentionally added CHCC if the CHCC exceeds the Practical Quantification Limit (PQL).

The guidance documents clarify following aspects of the reporting rule:

- Who has the burden of responsibility,
- Which product categories subject to the reporting rule,
- Product component level,
- Due diligence by manufacturers,

- Practical quantification limits (PQLs).

SGS will follow up and inform interested parties as developments on US and other international legislation occur. Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a wide range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for restricted substances for consumer products, including those for children, for the US and international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

¹ [CSPA Rule](#)

² [SafeGuardS 154/11](#)

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