

Argentina Bans Phthalates in Toys and Child-Care Articles

Argentina's Ministry of Health has issued Resolution No. 583/2008 which bans:

- The manufacture, import, export, marketing or free distribution of child-care articles and toys manufactured with plasticized material containing concentrations in excess of 0.1% by mass of the following phthalates: di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), or benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP); and
- The manufacture, import, export, marketing or free distribution of child-care articles and toys which children may put in their mouths manufactured using plasticized material containing concentrations in excess of 0.1% by mass of the following phthalates: diisononyl phthalate (DINP), diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP), or di-n-octyl phthalate (DnOP).

For the purposes of this resolution a "child-care article" is defined as any product intended to facilitate children's sleep, relaxation, hygiene and feeding or nursing.

These measures do not apply to goods arriving on the customs territory in direct transit to a foreign destination so as to avoid hampering commercial relations between the neighboring countries.

This resolution will enter into force on September 9, 2008.

STR offers analytical expertise in phthalate testing. Our hazard prevention program for toys includes comprehensive safety testing, audit, inspection as well as responsible sourcing services. For more information, contact us at inquiry@strus.com.