

Connecticut Enacts Child Product Safety Act

Connecticut Public Act 08-106, An Act Concerning Child Product Safety, became law on May 15, 2008 and takes effect October 1, 2008. It prohibits the manufacture, distribution or sale of any children's product that has been designated a banned hazardous substance.

"Banned hazardous substance" means the following:

- (1) For the period commencing July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, any children's product with greater than 300 parts per million total lead content by weight for any part of the product.
- (2) On and after July 1, 2011, any children's product with greater than 100 parts per million, total lead content by weight for any part of the product, or such stricter standard established in the general statutes.
- (3) On and after July 1, 2009, any children's product with lead-containing paint greater than 90 parts per million total lead content.
- (4) On and after July 1, 2009, any children's product with lead-containing paint greater than .009 milligrams of lead per centimeter squared.
- (5) Any children's product that is the subject of voluntary or mandatory corrective action taken under the direction of or in cooperation with an agency of the federal government but the defect in such children's product has not been so corrected.

A children's product shall not be a banned hazardous substance if such component is not accessible to a child because it is not physically exposed by reason of a covering or casing and if it will not become physically exposed through normal and reasonably foreseeable use and abuse of the product. Paint, coatings or electroplating shall not be considered barriers that would render lead in the substrate inaccessible to a child through normal and reasonably foreseeable use and abuse of the product. Further, if the Commissioner of Consumer Protection determines that it is not feasible for certain children's products that are electronic devices, including batteries, to meet the aforementioned standards by July 1, 2009, the Commissioner shall adopt regulations to:

- (1) Set standards to reduce the exposure of and accessibility to lead in such devices.
- (2) Establish a schedule by which such electronic devices shall be in full compliance with the standards.

"Children's product" means a consumer product designed or intended primarily for children under the age of 12 including but not limited to, clothing, accessories, jewelry, decorative object, candy, food, dietary supplements or other edible or chewable items, toys, furniture or other articles used by or intended to be used by children.

"Lead-containing paint" means paint or other similar surface coating materials containing any detectable amount of lead or lead compounds.

LINK: [Connecticut Child Product Safety Act](#)

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