



EU - EC lower the migration limit of BPA in certain toys

On 25 May 2017, European Union published directive (EU) 2017/898 to restrict the specific limit of Bisphenol A (BPA) in toys. The new migration limit will be effective on 26 November 2018.

This directive under Appendix C of Annex II to directive 2009/48/EC which lays down specific limit values for chemicals used in toys intended for use by children under 36 months or in other toys intended to be placed in the mouth. Relevant test methods refer to EN71-10 and EN71-11.

Below are the important highlights:

Summary of current and new BPA limits in certain toys:

Substance	CAS No.	Current Migration Limit	New Migration Limit
Bisphenol A (BPA)	80-05-7	0.1mg/l	0.04mg/l



EU - EC amending REACH Restrictions on PFOA

On 13 June 2017, European Union published Regulation (EU) 2017-1000 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 197/226 as regards perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substance. The restriction will be effective on 4 July 2020.

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) used in a wide variety of applications such as surfactants in fire-fighting foams, textile and paper production to provide water, grease, oil and dirt repellency.

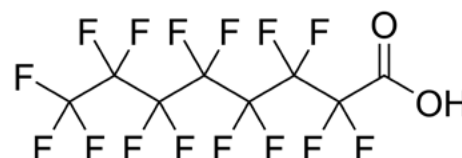
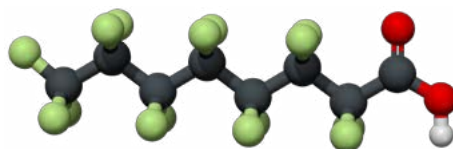
In Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 states PFOA shall not be manufactured or place on the market as substance on their own from 4 July 2020 and be used in the production of, or placed on the market in:

- > Another substance, as a constituent;
- > A mixture;
- > An article,

in a concentration equal to or above 25 ppb of FOAS including it salts or 1000 ppb of one or a combination of PFOA-related

substance. These restrictions will be applicable to below scope from a later date:

- > Equipment used to manufacture semi-conductors;
- > Latex printing inks;
- > Textiles for the protection of workers from risks to their health and safety;
- > Membranes intended for use in textiles, filtration in water treatment, production processes and effluent treatment;
- > Plasma nano-coatings.




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