



## EU - New EU Phthalates Restriction Proposed to WTO

In late March, the European Commission proposed to the World Trade Organization (WTO) about the new restriction of four Phthalates – DEHP, DBP, BBP and DIBP in toys and childcare articles. The new restriction extended to articles by direct and prolonged dermal contact, direct contact with mucosa membranes, ingestion or inhalation.

REACH (EC) 1907/2006 Annex XVII Entry 51 restricted three Phthalates - Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), Dibutyl phthalate (DBP), and Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) for many years and now notified WTO a draft Regulation to prohibit the use as substances or in mixtures in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight of the plasticized material in toys and childcare articles of DIBP. It prohibits the placing on the market in articles of any of the listed four phthalates DEHP, DBP, BBP and DIBP, in a concentration that is equals to or greater than 0.1% by weight in any plasticized material in the article



The reduce exposure to DEHP, DBP, BBP and DIBP are not just restricted on toys and childcare articles but also to the extent of articles contact with human mucous membranes or prolonged contact with human skin.

The proposed date of adoption will be on second half of 2018 and the proposed date of entry into force will be 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. Application of the restriction would be differed for 18 months after entry into force.


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