

## California Bill on Phthalates for Children Products

*The California Assembly Bill, AB 1108 was passed on September 4, 2007, waiting for the final approval by the Governor of the State. It would be included in Part 3, Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, as Chapter 11, under the title "Phthalates in Products for Young Children".*

*This Bill states that, commencing January 1, 2009, no person or entity shall manufacture, sell or distribute in commerce:*

- a) Any toy or child care article that contains DEHP, DBP or BBP \* in concentrations exceeding 0.1 %.*
- b) Any toy or child care article intended for use by a child under three years of age if that product can be placed in the child's mouth and contains DINP, DIDP or DNOP \* in concentrations exceeding 0.1%.*

*For the purpose of this legislation:*

- 1) "Toy" means all products designed or intended by the manufacturer to be used by children when they play.*
- 2) "Child care article" means all products designed or intended by the manufacturer to facilitate sleep, relaxation, or the feeding of children, or to help children with sucking or teething.*



*Similar ordinance, the San Francisco Ordinance, No. 86-07 amending the San Francisco Health Code was passed and effective in April this year. It states the ban on toys, child care products, and child feeding products that are made with phthalates (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP) with concentration individually exceeding 0.1 %.*

*Additionally mentioned in the San Francisco Ordinance is, by January 1, 2008, if the State of California has not introduced any related ban or significant restriction on the use of Bisphenol-A in toys, child care products or child feeding products, the Department of Public Health would recommend the Council of San Francisco to regulate the manufacture, sale or distribution in commerce of such products within the city.*

\* DEHP – Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate  
DINP – Diisononyl phthalate

DBP – Dibutyl phthalate  
DIDP – Diisodecyl phthalate

BBP – Benzyl butyl phthalate  
DNOP – Di-n-octyl phthalate

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