

Legislative Updates in the US Market for the Restriction of Lead Content in Toys & Children's Products

State lead requirements are becoming an evolving hot topic recently after last year recall disaster from a large US Toys Manufacturer.



The traditional 16 CFR 1303 is no longer the only one lead content requirement for children's products shipped to the United States. There have been a lot of legislative activities at the US Federal and State levels for the lead content requirements in 2008.

With about 30 states in the US now proposing this onerous legislation such as:

- AB 2694 in **California** and HB 2647 in **Washington** which allow children products with lead content aimed at less than 40 ppm by total weight;
- **Connecticut** HB 5650 and HB 5601 establish standards to allow maximum amount of lead in children's products;
- **Federal** lead content will be lowered to 100 ppm;
- **Illinois** HB 5705 limits the products intended for use by children with lead content not more than 40 ppm by weight;
- **Maryland** prohibits manufacture, sale and distribution of lead containing children's products with limit of 600 ppm.

STR commits to provide state-of-the-art legislative requirements to help you manage the risk of shipping products to different states in the United States. With comprehensive range of chemical test services available along with multi-national network, STR also helps you to identify and evaluate your product quality in a fast and accurate way.

As your key business partner, STR-HK offers Lead Content Test on Toys and Children's Products to ensure your products are safe for marketing worldwide!

Specialized Technology Resources (H.K.) Ltd. has obtained HOKLAS accreditation on lead content tests and on various toy safety standards. For details of our HOKLAS scope of accreditation, please visit: <http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/doc/hoklas/036.pdf>

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