

ILLINOIS BECOMES THIRD STATE TO RESTRICT CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY

With passage of the Cadmium-Safe Kids Act, Illinois is now the third state – after Minnesota and Connecticut – to restrict cadmium in children's jewelry.

Details

The [legislation](#), which went into effect on July 29, 2010, limits cadmium to 75 parts per million (ppm) and will apply to products manufactured after July 1, 2011.

In 2010, a total of nine states introduced legislation that would restrict cadmium in children's jewelry. On a federal level, identical bills are pending in the U.S. Senate ([S. 2975, the Safe Kids' Jewelry Act](#)) and House of Representatives ([H.R. 4428, the Children's Toxic Metals Act](#)) that prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of children's jewelry containing cadmium, barium, and antimony.



The cadmium limits defined in most of the pending legislation are modeled after ASTM F963, the national standard for toy safety, which limits cadmium to 75 ppm. The ASTM F15 Children's Jewelry task groups will be meeting at CPSC headquarters on August 12, 2010 to discuss a proposal to establish a similar limit for children's jewelry, among other safety concerns associated with children's jewelry.

Why It Matters

Children are most commonly exposed to cadmium – a known carcinogen that can hinder brain development – from regularly sucking or biting on items, such as jewelry, with a high level of cadmium. In the past year, there have been several recalls of children's jewelry with a high cadmium content. Manufacturers and retailers of children's jewelry must be increasingly vigilant in their efforts to comply with new regulations, and ensure the quality and safety of their products for consumers.

How STR Can Help

STR is actively participating on the ASTM F15 Children's Jewelry subcommittee to establish a voluntary standard for children's jewelry that would provide a clearer definition of children's jewelry and address safety concerns such as the presence of heavy metals.

In addition, STR's state-of-the-art testing laboratories have the capability to test for cadmium and other contaminants. Our hazard prevention program includes comprehensive design evaluation, safety testing, audit, inspection, and responsible sourcing services.



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To learn more about how STR can help you comply with cadmium restrictions and avoid costly recalls, submit the short form below. An STR representative will follow up with you shortly.

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