

US CPSC Issues Direct Final Rule Exempting Certain Plastics from Third Party Testing for 8 phthalates in Children's Toys and Child Care Articles

On August 30, 2017, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) had published a final rule determining that specified plastics with specified additives do not contain the statutorily prohibited phthalates. Therefore, the following plastics are not required to be third party tested to assure compliance with CPSIA.

- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polyethylene (PE)
- General purpose polystyrene (GPPS), medium-impact polystyrene (MIPS), high-impact polystyrene (HIPS), and super high-impact polystyrene (SHIPS)
- Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)

On January 26, 2018, the CPSC issued a direct final rule, exempting the above seven types of plastics from third party testing for eight phthalates, to reflect the updated phthalates final rule amended on October 27, 2017.

This will take effect on April 25, 2018, unless CPSC receive a significant adverse comment by February 26.

Link

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<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-26/pdf/2018-01451.pdf>

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