

## Korea Amends Safety Quality Labeling Standards for Leather Products Amendments

In 2012, Korea Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) adopted the amendments for the safety and labeling requirements for leather products selling in Korea in order to ensure the safety of those products.

The amendments are effective on and after December 30, 2013.

Below are the summary of the amendments and details about safety requirements for leather products:

Table 1. Key changes of the amendments

Scope	Amendment	
	Key Change	Details
Leather Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Safety Requirements for hazardous Substances are classified by ages and the duration of skin contact</li> <li>▶ Arylamine, organotin compounds and phthalates are added as hazardous substances</li> </ul>	Refer to Table 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Definition of "Artificial leather" is specified</li> </ul>	Artificial Leather includes coated leather, laminated leather, recombinant leather, and synthetic leather.

Table 2. Safety Requirements for Leather Products

product		Infants	Children	Underwear	In direct contact with skin (except underwear)	with no direct contact with skin
Hazardous Substance						
Formaldehyde (mg/kg)		20	75	75	75	300
Chlorinated Phenols(PCP)(mg/kg)		0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Hexavalent Chromium (mg/kg)		0.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Dimethylfumarate (mg/kg)		0.1				
Arylamine (mg/kg)		30				
Phthalates (%)	DEHP, DBP, BBP	0.1 (sum)	0.1 (sum)	-	-	-
	DINP, DIDP, DNOP		-	-	-	-
Organotin Compounds' (mg/kg)	DBT(dibutyltin)	1.0	-	-	-	-
	TBT(tributyltin)	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Lead (mg/kg)		90	90	-	-	-
Cadmium (mg/kg)		75	75	-	-	-
Nickel Release ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{week}$ )		0.5				

### Link

#### Korea Safety Quality Labeling Standards for Leather Products (in Korean)

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