

## US Maine Designates Formaldehyde and Phthalates as Priority Chemicals under Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products Law

The State of Maine recently adopted two rules to designate formaldehyde and certain phthalates as priority chemicals and to require reporting for certain children's products that contain intentionally added chemicals under Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products law.

Manufacturers using those priority chemicals in certain children's product categories, sold within the State of Maine, are required to report to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection when used in an amount greater than the de minimis by December 18, 2015.

Below is the summary of those rules:

Substance	Scope	Requirement
Formaldehyde	Children's products (under the age of 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bedding</li> <li>- Childcare Articles</li> <li>- Clothing</li> <li>- Cosmetics</li> <li>- Craft Supplies</li> <li>- Footwear</li> <li>- Games</li> <li>- Jewelry and Embellishments</li> <li>- Safety Seat</li> <li>- Occasion Supplies</li> <li>- Personal Accessories</li> <li>- Personal Care Product</li> <li>- School Supplies</li> <li>- Toys</li> </ul>	Reporting
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) Diethyl phthalate (DEP)	Children's products (under the age of 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clothing and footwear</li> <li>- Craft Supplies</li> <li>- Building and home maintenance products</li> <li>- Cosmetic and personal care products</li> <li>- Household and commercial cleaning products</li> <li>- Household furniture and furnishings</li> <li>- Personal accessories and jewelry</li> </ul>	Reporting

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