

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

Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently issued proposed rules to designate formaldehyde and phthalates as priority chemical and to require reporting for certain children's products that contain intentionally added chemicals under Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products law. The comment period closed on March 13, 2015.

In 2008 Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products law was enacted in order to protect children's health and the environment from hazardous chemicals. And now 5 toxic chemicals listed as priority chemicals.

Once the proposed rules are adopted, manufacturers using those priority chemicals in certain consumer product categories, sold within the state of Maine, are required to report to the Maine DEP when used in an amount greater than the de minimis level within 180 days of adoption of these rules.

Link

Chapter 885: Designation of Formaldehyde as a Priority Chemical and Regulation of Formaldehyde in Children's Products

<http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=635467&an=2>

Chapter 888: Designation of Four Members of The Chemicals Class Phthalates as Priority Chemicals

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