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While at the federal level, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) only regulates phthalate levels in children's toys and certain childcare articles, a growing number of other jurisdictions, both within the U.S. at the state level and in a number of other countries, has restrictions on broader consumer product categories. In this regard, many states have enacted legislation mirroring the CPSIA requirements; however, others have adopted or propose to adopt more restrictive requirements.

In light of the recent publication of new ISO testing standards for phthalates in textiles (ISO 14389: 2014) and toys/children's products (ISO 8124 Part 6), now is a good time to review the applicable restrictions.

### State Laws

#### Adopted

- California - bans phthalates from toys and children's products
- California - requires warning or bans phthalates in all products
- Vermont - bans phthalates from children's products
- Washington - bans children's products containing phthalates

#### Pending

- Hawaii - would ban phthalates in children's products
- New Jersey - would ban phthalates in jewelry

## Foreign Governments

- Canada - aligned with CPSIA phthalates bans for toys and childcare articles
- Egypt - bans phthalates in toys, childcare articles, and children's products
- EU - bans phthalates in toys and childcare articles
- Korea - bans phthalates in infant and children's textile and leather products
- Taiwan - bans phthalates in plastic and leather footwear and children's products
- Turkey - bans phthalates in footwear

Please note that each jurisdiction targets different types of phthalates and may require different tests. Furthermore, while most jurisdictions have a maximum tolerance of 0.1%, in some cases that limit applies to each individual phthalate present in the product, whereas others restrict the presence of all phthalates to that level.

For a list of the particular types of phthalates and maximum levels covered in each jurisdiction, please contact Gail Cumins at [gcumins@spcblaw.com](mailto:gcumins@spcblaw.com), Alli Baron at [abaron@spcblaw.com](mailto:abaron@spcblaw.com), or Donna Shira at [dshira@spcblaw.com](mailto:dshira@spcblaw.com), or call us at 212-425-0055.

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