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New Proposition 65 Settlement Agreement for Cadmium in Jewelry



In a California Proposition 65 settlement agreement reached last week, one of approximately 40 respondents agreed to limit cadmium in jewelry for children and adults to under 300 ppm and to recall from sale nationwide the product that was the target of the initial complaint. The limit of 300 ppm is in keeping with California's recently enacted law that limits cadmium to 300 ppm in jewelry sold to children 6 and younger, effective January 1, 2012. (We note that cadmium in paint/surface coatings is limited to 75 ppm in the federal mandatory toy standard applicable to children's toys.)

Starting in January 2012, manufacturers or suppliers of children's jewelry sold or offered for sale in California will be required to provide a certification (as currently required for lead in children's jewelry), to the person who sells the jewelry in the state. Another way to comply with the certification requirement is to display it prominently on the shipping container or on the jewelry packaging. The certification attests that the jewelry does not contain a level of lead or cadmium that would prohibit the jewelry from being sold or offered for sale in California. Other states that have instituted limits on cadmium in children's jewelry include Illinois, Connecticut and Minnesota.

If you have concerns about the effect of federal and state standards on your company's products, you should contact Gail Cumins at gcumins@spcblaw.com, Donna Shira at dshira@spcblaw.com, or Alli Baron at abaron@spcblaw.com, or call us at 212-425-0055, for further information.

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