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EU Regulates Lead Content in Jewelry



Annex XVII, the European Union's "REACH" regulation, was recently amended to restrict the use of lead in jewelry articles offered for sale in the E.U.

According to the new amendment, lead may "not be placed on the market or used in any individual part of jewelry articles if the concentration of lead (expressed as metal) in such a part is equal to or greater than 0.05% by weight."

This restriction will apply to all jewelry sold on and after October 9, 2013, unless exempt.

"Jewelry" is defined to "include jewelry and imitation jewelry articles and hair accessories," including:

- Bracelets, necklaces and rings;
- Piercing jewelry;
- Wrist watches and wrist-wear; and
- Brooches and cuff links.

Finally, it is important to note that the lead limitations will apply equally to fashion and precious metal jewelry, and will apply to jewelry for both adults and children.

If you have any concerns regarding the use of lead or other minerals, please contact Alli Baron at abaron@spcblaw.com or Donna Shira at dshira@spcblaw.com or call us at 212-425-0055.

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