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Korea Certification (KC) Mark for Leather Products

Update: KATS No. 2011 - 0354

The Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) proposed an amendment for leather products in September 2011. The new requirements are intended to improve the labeling practice and add requirements for restricted substances. The announcement of the amendment was intended to inform the related industry and public of the major revisions and gather public opinion. The standards are scheduled to come into force one year from the date of the amendment announcement.



Highlights of the Safety Quality Labeling Annex 3 Update (KATS No. 2011-0354)

- Limits for restricted substances are now specified by age and degree of skin contact.
- Additional requirements for specific restricted substances (e.g., organotin, phthalates and azo dyes).

Restricted Substances	Infant Product	Children Products	Innerwear	Middlewear	Outerwear, bedding...
Formaldehyde (mg/kg)	≤ 20	≤ 75	≤ 75	≤ 75	≤ 300
Pentachlorophenol (PCP) (mg/kg)	≤ 0.5	≤ 5	≤ 5	≤ 5	≤ 5
Chromium 6 (mg/kg)	≤ 0.5	≤ 3.0	≤ 3.0	≤ 3.0	≤ 3.0
Dimethyl Fumarates (mg/kg)	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1
Phthalates (%)	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	-	-	-
Organotin - DBT (mg/kg)	≤ 1.0	-	-	-	-
Organotin - TBT (mg/kg)	≤ 0.5	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0
Azo Dyes (mg/kg)	≤ 30	≤ 30	≤ 30	≤ 30	≤ 30

- Labeling:
 - Model and Filling Material are not required on the label.
 - The updated label content includes the following:
 - Product Name
 - Material Type
 - Size
 - Manufacturing Date (date, month, year)
 - Name of Manufacturer
 - Name of Importer (imported goods only)
 - Address and Telephone No. (Local Manufacturer / Importer)
 - Country of Origin (Importer only)
 - Care Instruction

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Korea Certification (KC) Mark for Home Textile Products

Update: KATS No. 2011 - 0727

The Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) announced a proposed amendment for home textile products in December 2011. The new requirements are intended to protect consumers from hazardous substances contained in textile products. The standard is scheduled to come into force one year from the date of the amendment announcement.



Highlights of the Safety Quality Labeling Annex 1 Update (KATS No. 2011-0727)

- Additional requirement for nickel in electromagnetic wave proof products or metallic materials.
- The requirements for textile products are as follows:

Restricted Substances	Children	Adult			
	Textile Product	Innerwear	Middlewear	Outerwear	Bedding
pH	4.0 - 7.5	4.0 - 7.5	4.0 - 7.5	4.0 - 9.0	4.0 - 9.0
Formaldehyde (mg/kg)	≤ 75	≤ 75	≤ 75	≤ 300	≤ 300
Azo Dyes (mg/kg)	Individually ≤ 30	Individually ≤ 30	Individually ≤ 30	Individually ≤ 30	Individually ≤ 30
Phthalates (%)	≤ 0.1	-	-	-	-
Organotin - TBT (mg/kg)	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0
Dimethyl Fumarates (mg/kg)	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1	≤ 0.1
Flame Retardants	Ban to Use	Ban to Use	Ban to Use	Ban to Use	Ban to Use
Total lead (mg/kg)	≤ 90 (Metal ≤ 300)	-	-	-	-
Cord & Drawstrings	Comply	-	-	-	-
Allergic Disperse Dyes	Ban to Use	Ban to Use	-	-	-
Nickel (μg/cm ² /week)	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5

- Re-categorization of products as shown below:

Product	Category
Socks (e.g. tights, stockings...) and maternity belts	Innerwear
Arm warmer	Outerwear
Hammocks	Bedding
Bags including school bags	Textile products for Children

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Taiwan Mandatory Inspection for Non-Baby Textile Products Will Take Effect on October 1, 2012.

The Taiwanese Bureau of Standards, Metrology & Inspection (BSMI) has announced that the implementation of mandatory inspection for non-baby textile products will take effect on October 1, 2012.



Furthermore, BSMI has recently released an amendment that will simplify the inspection procedure for 310 of the 346 non-baby textile products.

Amendment:

The amended inspection procedure will be applied to the 310 textile products including sweaters, garments, swimwear and hosiery, but 48 items of baby garments under 24 months or height less than 86 cm, towels, bedding, and underwear are excluded.

Highlights of the amendment:

- Inspection method: Based on market surveillance and random sampling. If the product does not comply with the mandatory requirements, factory testing inspection and sampling inspection at the border will be applied.
- Inspection standard: CNS 15290- "Safety of Textiles (General Requirements)."
- Inspection items: Free formaldehyde, azo dyes, lead, cadmium, organotin, and physical safety requirements according to CNS 15291 – "Safety of children's clothing – cords and drawstrings on children's clothing – specifications."
- Inspection fee: Not required.
- Commodity inspection mark: Not required.

Summary:

- The labeling of all textile and apparel product must comply with labeling criteria for apparel and garments and labeling criteria for textiles.
- Be sure that the quantity of textile product will comply with CNS 15290 – "Safety of Textiles (General Requirements)."

Product Categories	Product Codes	Effective Dates
The products (total 48 items) as below:		
1. Commodity Inspection Mark is required.		
2. Shall apply for sampling inspection at the border or factory testing inspection.		
For Baby garments and clothing accessories under 24 months or height less than 86 cm	6111, 6209 (Total 12 items)	July 01, 2011
Towels	6302 (Total 6 items)	Oct. 01, 2012
Bedding	6304 & 9404 (Total 24 items)	Oct. 01, 2012
Underwear	6212 (Total 6 items)	Oct. 01, 2012

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Product Categories	Product Codes	Effective Dates
The products (total 310 items) as below: 1. No inspection fee & commodity inspection mark are required. 2. The products will be checked by surveillance and random sampling in the marketplace. If the products do not comply with the mandatory requirements (CNS 15290), factory testing inspection and sampling inspection at the border will be applied.		
Garments (Including sweater)	6101-6110, 6112-6114, 6201-6208, 6210, 6211.20-6211.49 (Total 290 items)	Oct. 01, 2012
Swimwear	6211.11 & 6211.12 (Total 4 items)	Oct. 01, 2012
Hosiery	6115 (Total 16 items)	Oct. 01, 2012

Note: CNS 15290 – “Safety of Textile Products (General Requirements)” as below:

Test item	Test method	Baby textile Products	Textile products in direct contact with skin	
		≤ 2 years old or 86 cm height	2~12 years old	> 12 years old
Free Formaldehyde	CNS 14940 & CNS 12943, 5.3.1	≤ 20 ppm	≤75 ppm	
Azocolorants	CNS 15205-1 & CNS 15205-2	≤30 ppm		
Lead	CNS 4797-2	≤90 ppm	≤90 ppm	-
Cadmium in accessory	CNS 4797-2	Not allowed		
Organic Tin	NIEA T504.30B	TBT & TPT: ≤0.5 ppm	TBT & TPT: ≤1.0 ppm	
Physical Safety Requirement	CNS 15291	Shall comply with CNS 15291		
Fiber Content	CNS 2339	+/- 3%, Wool labeling		
Labeling	Labeling criteria for apparel and garments Labeling criteria for textiles	1. Fiber label, 2. Care label 3. Country of origin, 4. Product name 5. Name, Tel. no & address of manufacturer or importer 6. Size or Measurements		

Additional Information

BSMI announcement for non-baby textile products (in Chinese):
<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Data/f1341988002113.pdf>

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Newsbytes

NEWSBYTE: Product Safety Australia: Interim Ban on Small Powerful Magnets

The Australia Acting Minister for Business Services and Consumers, Patrick Conlon, announced on 23 August 2012, an interim ban on small high-powered magnets that can cause serious injury or death if swallowed.

The products, marketed under various names including BuckyBalls, Neocubes and Neodymium sphere magnets, contain numerous small, high-powered magnets. The ban is effective immediately, and applies to any supply of the magnets for the next 60 days.

The ban applies to small, separable or loose permanent magnetic objects:

- that are supplied as aggregated masses or in multiples of two or more; and
- that are intended or marketed by the manufacturer primarily as a manipulative or construction desk toy or as jewellery; and
- that have a magnetic flux index of greater than 50 kG2mm2; and
- where the product supplied contains more than one magnet that fits within the small parts cylinder specified in the International Standards Organization Toy Standard (ISO 8124-1:2009, Safety of toys).

“Consumer and Business Services issued a safety warning about these magnets just last month” said Mr Conlon. “A permanent national ban will soon be in place. We have reports of children who swallowed these magnets suffering serious injury and, on one tragic occasion, death.”

Additional Information

For more information consumers and suppliers can visit www.productsafety.gov.au

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Hong Kong Proposes Restriction on Phthalates in Toys and Childcare Articles

Hong Kong Commerce and Economic Development Bureau issued a public consultation note to seek views on a proposal to impose concentration limits on phthalates contained in plasticized parts of toys and childcare articles. The administration proposes to impose similar restrictions on phthalates in alignment with those adopted in European Union, the United States, Australia, Canada and Singapore. This proposal will amend "The Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance" (Cap. 424). The consultation period will last until January 19, 2013.



Background

Phthalates are a class of chemicals which are commonly added to materials such as hard plastics to improve their flexibility and durability. They are used in many consumer products, primarily in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) products. Various quarters of the public have expressed concerns over the health hazards posed to young children by phthalates and, in the light of tightened regulations in other jurisdictions, Hong Kong is suggested to follow to impose phthalates limits on toys and children's products.

Summary of Proposed Restriction

Scope	Proposed Concentration Limits
Plasticized parts of a toy or child care articles	DEHP, DBP and BBP $\leq 0.1\%$ (sum)
Plasticized parts of a toy or child care article that can be placed in the mouth of a child under 48 months of age	DINP, DIDP and DNOP $\leq 0.1\%$ (sum)

Definition of child care articles – product that is intended to facilitate the relaxation, sleep, hygiene, feeding, sucking or teething of a child under 48 months of age

Penalty

Products that contain phthalates in excess of any of prescribed limits above will be deemed to be unsafe under the Ordinance. Offence provisions and enforcement actions under the Ordinance will apply.

Additional Information

Consultation document: http://www.cedb.gov.hk/citb/doc/en/Consultation_Note_Phthalates_Eng.pdf

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NEWSBYTE: Product Safety Australia: Small, High- Powered Magnets Banned

Small, high-powered magnets that can cause serious injury or death if swallowed by children have been permanently banned, said Australia Assistant Treasurer David Bradbury.

The products, marketed under various names including 'BuckyBalls' and 'Nanodots', contain numerous small, high-powered magnets and are sold in multiples of two or more. The ban is effective immediately and applies to any supply of the magnets that:

- are small enough to fit into the small parts cylinder used in the mandatory standard for toys for children up to and including 36 months of age;
- have a magnetic flux of 50 or more; and
- are marketed by the supplier as, or supplied for use as any of the following:
 - a toy, game or puzzle (including but not limited to an adult desk toy, an educational toy or game, a toy, game or puzzle for mental stimulation or stress relief)
 - a construction or modelling kit
 - jewellery to be worn in or around the mouth or nose.

"Following the consumer safety warning I issued in July, I have now permanently banned these products," said Mr. Bradbury.

Additional Information

For more information consumers and suppliers can visit www.productsafety.gov.au

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