



Phthalate Policy

Scope

The Asda Phthalate Policy applies to all plasticized materials, especially PVC, PU and PU coatings. Suppliers of products utilising plasticized materials must ensure all products comply with this policy.

This policy limits the use of phthalates in toys and childcare articles in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Phthalates Directive (2005/84/EC) and replicated in Annex XVII of the Reach Regulation (1907/2006).

In accordance with both the Asda Chemicals policy and the Asda REACH policy, this policy also limits the use of specific phthalates within finished articles not classified as toys. These specific phthalates are classified as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the criteria outlined in Article 57 of the REACH Regulation (1907/2006).

The Asda Phthalate Policy shall be read in conjunction with the Phthalates Directive [2005/84/EC] (and subsequent amendments), the Reach Regulation (1907/2006/EC) Annex XVII, and in addition to the Asda Chemicals Policy and the Asda REACH Policy.

Manufacturers and retailers can seek further direction by referring to the EU guidance notes published at the following location:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/chemicals/legislation/markrestr/guidance_document_final.pdf

Definitions

Key terms used throughout this policy are defined as:

Phthalates: specifically refers to the following 6 ortho-phthalate esters - DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP.

Toy: relates to any product or material designed or clearly intended for use in play by children of less than 14 years of age (as defined in Directive 88/378/EEC and 2009/48/EC on the Safety of Toys, and also applies to Directive 2005/84/EC).

Childcare articles: any product intended to facilitate sleep, relaxation, hygiene, the feeding of children or sucking on the part of children.

Directive 2005/84/EC also covers the accessible parts of articles such as push chairs, car seats, bike seats and sleeping bags which are intended to facilitate sleep and relaxation during transport.

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Requirements

All products containing plasticized material must not exceed the limits stated below:

Phthalates	CAS Nos	EINECS Nos	Restrictions for toys and child care articles	Restrictions for all other articles
bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)	117-81-7	204-211-0	<0.1 % by mass of plasticized material in all products supplied to Asda	<0.1 % w/w (by weight of the total article)
dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	84-74-2	201-557-4		
benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)	85-68-7	201-622-7		
di-"isononyl" phthalate (DINP)	28553-12-0 68515-48-0	249-079-5 271-090-9	<0.1 % by mass of plasticized material in toys and childcare articles intended for children under three years of age and which can be placed in the mouth by them.	No restriction
di-"isodecyl" phthalate (DIDP)	26761-40-0 68515-49-1	247-977-1 271-091-4		
dioctyl phthalate (DNOP)	117-84-0	204-214-7		

Implementation

Products with phthalate levels greater than those specified in the above table will be prohibited for sale within Asda.

The supplier shall be responsible for ensuring that all component parts, raw materials and coatings meet these limits. Suppliers of such parts must be made fully aware of these requirements and that any manufacturing process or raw ingredients used do not contaminate or contravene these limits.

All products supplied to Asda must be safe, legal and of the agreed quality. They shall ensure that the factory has procedures in place to support this Policy and all relevant Asda safety requirements (and where relevant, be fully traceable) in order to meet these requirements as a condition of sale.

The use and formulation of plasticisers must be discussed with the Asda Development Technologist for suitability.

All applicable products submitted to an Asda technologist for appraisal will be tested to determine adherence to this policy and compliance with the phthalate directive.

A guidance document compiled by a number of UK based retailers and global manufacturers (with the input of the BTHA), is available on request.

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