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NEW EU REGULATION FOR BISPENOL-A IN POLYCARBONATE BABY FEEDING BOTTLES

To complement the new Regulation (EU) 10/2011 on food contact plastic materials, the regulation on the prohibition of bisphenol-A (BPA) in polycarbonate (PC) infant feeding bottles has been amended. The effective date is dependent on the nature of the business party and starts in May 2011



In January 2011, the new EU Regulation on food contact plastic materials (Plastic Implementation Measure, PIM) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)¹. The new Regulation establishes specific requirements for the manufacturing and marketing of plastic materials and articles that are intended or reasonably expected to come into contact with food and also to such materials that are already in contact with food. It repeals Directive 2002/72/EC on food contact plastics on 1 May, 2011. The prohibition of BPA is currently regulated under Directive 2011/8/EU². To complement the new law PIM, the prohibition of

BPA in polycarbonate (PC) infant feeding bottles for children under 1 year old will now be regulated under Regulation (EU) 321/2011³. The effective date is 1 May, 2011, for manufacturing and 1 June, 2011, for placing onto and importing into the EU. Highlights of the new law are summarized in Table 1.

¹ [New Regulation on Plastic Materials for Food Contact Published in Europe](#), [SGS SafeGuards 017/11](#) and references therein.

² [EU Bans Bisphenol-A in Plastic Infant Feeding Bottles](#), [SGS SafeGuards 044/11](#) and references therein.

³ [Regulation \(EU\) 321/2011 amending Regulation \(EU\) 10/2011 as regards the restriction of use of Bisphenol A in plastic infant feeding bottles, L 87/1 – L87/2, 2 April 2011](#), Official Journal of the European Union

SUBSTANCE	SCOPE	REQUIREMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE (EXISTING DIRECTIVE 2011/8/EU)	EFFECTIVE DATE (NEW REGULATION (EU) 321/2011)
BPA	Plastic feeding bottles for infants under the age of 12 months	Prohibited	1 March 2011 Manufacturing 1 June 2011 Placing on the market and importation	1 May 2011 Manufacturing 1 June 2011 Placing on the market and importation

TABLE 1

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