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## CHINA BANS BPA IN INFANT FEEDING BOTTLES

The Chinese Ministry of Health recently announced a ban on the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in plastic infant feeding bottles. The effective date is dependent on the nature of the business and starts on June 1, 2011

On May 23, 2011, the Ministry of Health of The People's Republic of China announced the ban of BPA in polycarbonate (PC) and other BPA-containing infant feeding bottles<sup>1</sup>. The manufacture of such products will be banned from June 1, 2011 and the import and sale of such products will be banned from September 1, 2011. Food contact plastic products containing BPA other than infant feeding bottles are obliged to comply with provisions of the national food safety standards. Highlights of the announcement are summarised in Table 1.



Substance	Scope	Requirement	Effective date
Bisphenol A (BPA)	Polycarbonate baby feeding bottles and other infant feeding bottles containing BPA	Prohibited	1 June 2011 (Manufacture)  1 Sept 2011 (import and sale)

China now joins Canada, the EU, Malaysia and some jurisdictions in the US in regulating BPA in food contact plastics<sup>2</sup>.



<sup>1</sup> Notice from the Ministry of Health on the Prohibition of bisphenol A in Baby Bottles, Bulletin 15 of 2011, May 23, 2011 (卫生部6部门关于禁止双酚A用于婴幼儿奶瓶的公告(卫生部公告2011年第15号), 二〇一一年五月二十三日, 中华人民共和国卫生部); <http://www.moh.gov.cn/publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/mohwsjd/s7891/201105/51866.htm>

<sup>2</sup> SafeGuards [071/11](#), [053/11](#), [048/11](#), [044/11](#), [210/10](#), [194/10](#), [140/10](#), [123/10](#), [122/10](#), [121/10](#), [096/10](#), [069/10](#), [065/10](#), [059/10](#), [056/10](#), [043/10](#), [051/09](#).

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SGS will follow up and inform interested parties about developments on regulations relating to consumer products as a complimentary service.

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy on BPA and other restricted substances in consumer products for the Chinese and other international markets. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



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