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EU Adopts Ban on Bisphenols in Food Contact Materials

As mentioned in our recent <u>Safeguard</u> (<u>SG 005/25</u>), the European Commission officially adopted a ban on the use of bisphenols in food contact materials due to its potential harms to human health. This ban also includes other bisphenols that are harmful to the reproductive and endocrine systems.

The regulation aims to minimise consumer dietary exposure to bisphenols as much as possible, considering the potential of bisphenols to migrate into food and beverages.

Prior to this adoption, the chemical was already prohibited for use in infant bottles and similar products in the EU and its Member States.

SGS can ensure your products meet the appropriate territorial regulations for food contact materials and help pave the way for compliance.

FOR ENQUIRIES

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Mr. Kenji Ng t (+852) 6018 4339 e Kenji.Ng@sgs.com Recognizing that a ban on bisphenols will lead to a rise in the use of alternative chemicals, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is investigating methods for assessing the risk of bisphenols alternatives.

What does it mean for industry?

Following an 18-month phase-out period, starting on July 21st 2026, bisphenols will no longer be allowed in any products that come into contact with food or drink, such as the coating on metal cans, reusable plastic drink bottles, water distribution coolers, kitchenware, and food processing equipment. A few, very limited exceptions will be made to the 18-month transition period in cases where no bisphenols alternatives exist, to avoid supply chain disruption and give industry more time to adapt.

How can SGS help?

As the leader in FCM services, our experts can help you comply with EU's FCM regulations. From now until May 31st, 2025, SGS Hong Kong is offering a promotion for Bisphenols testing services, providing support for compliance and product integrity.

Don't miss this chance!

Testing Service	Promotional Offer
Regulation (EU) 2024/3190: Migration of Bisphenols (8 substances: 2-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-4-methylpentane, BPA, BPS, BPAF, TPPBA, BADGE, BPM & BPB) • Detection limit of migration: 1µg/kg	For single-use products: HKD 1,900 For repeated-use products: HKD 3,800

Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This promotion is limited to SGS Hong Kong (Hardlines Laboratory)
- 2. This promotion is valid from now until 31st May 2025
- This promotion cannot be used in conjunction with special buyer programs and/or offers
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