

US Maine Proposed Bill to Designate decaBDE, HBCD as Priority Chemicals

On October 12, 2016, Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) proposed Chapter 889 to designate decaBDE and HBCD as priority chemicals under the Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products law.

This rule would apply to manufacturers of certain children's products which contain intentionally added amounts of the two flame retardants, which are used in the non-polymeric, additive form.

The summary of the proposed bill is as below:

| Regulated Chemicals | Scope | Requirement |
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| Decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) | Children Care Article; Children's Sleepwear; Children's Toy; Children's Clothing; Children's Footwear; Electronic Device; Household Furniture and Furnishings; Mattress and Mattress Pad | <p>Within 180 days of the effective date, the manufacturers shall report to the Department the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name and address of the manufacturer; - A description of the product containing regulated flame retardant; - The amount and function of regulated flame retardant in the product; - The number of product sold or distributed in Maine or nationally; - Any other information the manufacturer deems relevant to the reporting of the regulated flame retardant, such as relevant scientific study |

The comments on the proposed bill are due to DEP on November 14, 2016. The public hearing will be held on November 1, 2016.

Link

Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Chapter 889
<http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=718027&an=2>

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