

US Minnesota the First State Bans Triclosan in Consumer Products, and is Canada Next?

Triclosan is used in many consumer products to reduce or prevent bacterial contamination. It may be found in products such as clothing, kitchenware, furniture, and toys. It also may be added to antibacterial soaps and body washes, toothpastes, and some cosmetics.

In July, 2014, the Canadian Environmental Law Association published the report suggesting Canada to adopt a comprehensive phase out approach for Triclosan due to health (endocrine disruption) and environmental impact (toxic to aquatic organism).

So far, there is no nationwide ban in US, neither the FDA nor EPA. The FDA has been reviewing the effect of Triclosan on health and environment, but it doesn't come to final conclusion and maintains on its website that "triclosan is not known to be hazardous to humans."

On May 16, 2014, Minnesota became the only state to ban Triclosan in the states, as Governor Mark Dayton signed the bill to prohibit selling cleaning products that contain this potentially harmful chemical. This law will go into effect January 1, 2017.

Link

FDA, Triclosan: What Consumers Should Know

<http://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm205999.htm>

The Canadian Environmental Law Association, Chemicals in Consumer Products are Draining Trouble into the Great Lakes Ecosystem

<http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/TC-TCC-CELA-997.pdf>

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https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF2192&version=5&session=ls88&session_year=2014&session_number=0&format=pdf