

Product Bulletin: Phthalates and PSA Vinyl Wall Graphics

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The U.S. Government imposes Consumer Product Safety Regulations regarding maximum allowable levels of phthalates in Children's Toys and Child Care Products. Although none of ORAFOL's products are intended for use in the production of Children's Toys or Child Care Articles, because certain ORAFOL products contain phthalates we are providing the following information in response to the regulations.

U.S. Phthalate Restrictions

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) imposes restrictions on the use of certain specified phthalates (chemical substances used as plasticizers or softeners) in items that are classified as Children's Toys and Child Care Products under the CPSIA.

The phthalate restrictions of the CPSIA apply to certain specified phthalates in particular products. Along with interim restrictions on certain phthalates, there are permanent restrictions on the sale of children's toys and child care articles with concentrations of more than 0.1 percent of di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), or benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP). The permanent restriction is effective February 10, 2009.

The restrictions apply to toys for children ages 12 and under, and the law refers to CPSC's 2002 guidelines for additional age determination guidance. The restrictions on child care articles apply to products to facilitate sleeping or feeding, or to help with sucking or teething, for children ages 3 and under. Children's toys and other children's products will require a general conformity certification which certifies that, based on a test of each product or upon a "reasonable testing program," the toys and products comply with applicable standards. According to materials released by the CPSC on October 2, 2008, a general conformity certification will be required effective February 10, 2009.

ORAFOL® Wall Graphic Films

ORAFOL® manufactures a range of adhesive-backed PVC films which are intended for use in the production of removable wall graphics used in home and commercial applications. These films include, but are not limited to, ORACAL® 341, ORACAL® 631, ORACAL® 641, ORACAL® 651, ORAJET® 3105ht, ORAJET® 3165, ORAJET® 3169RA, ORAJET® 3268, ORAJET® 3620, ORAJET® 3621, ORAJET® 3628, ORAJET® 3640, ORAJET® 3641, and ORAJET® 3651.

The surface layer (face film) of the above-listed films contain DEHP concentrations in excess of the 0.1% limit for Children's Toys and Child Care Articles. It is important to note that none of our products are intended for use in the production of children's toys or as child care articles as defined by the CPSIA.

For questions not covered in this bulletin, please contact Orafol Americas Product Technical Support at 1-888-672-2251, ext.168 or 176, or email techsupport-americas@orafol.com.

General Information

This information is based on our knowledge and experience. We have not explained all aspects of application. Specialized or occupational knowledge and competence of a professional sign maker are presupposed. Because of the diversity of potential influencing factors during application and use, we recommend customers test our products when the films will be used for special applications. No legally binding warranty of certain qualities can be derived from our information.



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