

# **Child health protection: phthalates, dangerous substances, safety of toys (amend. Directives 76/769/EEC, 88/378/EEC)**

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**PURPOSE:** to ban the use of phthalates in toys and childcare articles.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Directive 2005/84 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending for the 22<sup>nd</sup> time Council Directive 76/769 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (phthalates in toys and childcare articles).

**CONTENT:** The scope of Directive 76/769 has been extended to include the use of phthalates in toys and “childcare articles” (meaning any product intended to facilitate sleep, relaxation, hygiene, the feeding of children or sucking on the part of children). In doing so the Community has effectively banned and restricted the use of phthalates in toys and childcare articles. The Commission will re-evaluate the situation by 16 January 2010 at the latest. By 16 July 2006, the Member States must adopt and publish the laws, regulation and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. The measures must apply from 16 January 2007.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 16 January 2006.