



60 Day Notices for BPA in Socks under California Proposition 65

Recently approximately 60 sock brands, retailers and manufacturers received 60 Day Notices for allegedly containing bisphenol A (BPA) in socks. Proposition 65 warning labels for the presence of BPA were not provided with these products when sold.

The socks included in the notices are made primarily of polyester with spandex. All size ranges are included in the notices, but the emphasis is on babies'/children's socks.

The route of exposure for the chemical is dermal absorption directly through the skin when wearing the socks, and ingestion via hand-to-mouth contact after touching or handling the socks.

In addition to other uses, BPA and other bisphenols may be used dye-fixing agents for polyester and polyamide textiles. BPA can also be used in the production of flame retardants and in PVC production. Also, may be used in spandex production for antistatic properties.

Since there have not been any settlements or judgements in these cases, there is no known reformulation limit.

How Does this Impact You? Contact Us to Discuss

By monitoring Proposition 65 actions, Bureau Veritas helps retailers and manufacturers take a proactive and comprehensive approach to compliance. We assist our clients in determining if listed Prop 65 chemicals are present in their products; identifying exposure routes and assessing the risk levels in items. We then help our clients to build in the appropriate requirements into their testing and quality assurance program on an ongoing basis.

If you have any comments and/or questions, please contact your customer service representative or email: cps.info@us.bureauveritas.com

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