



Regulatory Compliance Change Tracker Today and Beyond

Track changes to key product safety and chemical compliance regulations, requirements and deadlines

The Americas

2021

Chemicals & Materials

US: EPA

11 Jan

Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) decision, as required every five years by the Safe Drinking Water Act

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US: RCRA

01 Mar

Hazardous Waste Reports for states with annual requirements

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Brazil: OEL

12 Mar

New OEL requirements become effective 12 March 2021

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Canada: CEPA

01 Jun

CEPA reporting due for Schedule 1 greenhouse gases

GHS

Canada: GHS

GHS revision in 2021

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US: TRI

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reporting with 172 PFAS chemicals added
1 July 2021

TSCA

US: TSCA

01 Oct

TSCA fee rule revision expected

GHS

Costa Rica: GHS

02 Nov

New SDS under GHS Rev. 6 registration deadline

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: New York Bans TCE

01 Dec

New York bans certain uses of trichloroethylene (TCE)

TSCA

US: EPA Extends Reporting Deadline of 50 Chemicals

EPA extends reporting deadline under TSCA Health and Safety Data Reporting Rule

01 Dec

20 substances extended to 1 December 2021

30 substances extended to 25 January 2022

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Argentina: Parliament Passes Front Labeling Law for Food Products

The draft Law to Promote Healthy Eating establishes the obligation for the food industry to alert consumers to the excessive amounts of sugar, sodium, saturated fats, total fats, and calories in food.

2022

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Additive Banned in Hair Dyes

06 Jan

Additive used in lead acetate banned in hair dyes

GHS

Chile: GHS Industrial Use Substances

09 Feb

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Proposal for New TSCA Data Collection for Asbestos Containing Materials

01 May

Includes asbestos impurities and asbestos articles

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: FDA Removes 23 Pthalates and 2 Other Substances from Food Additive Approvals

01 May

Requests information on current uses of pthalates remaining on the food additive lists

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Minnesota Bans TCE

01 Jun

Minnesota's ban on trichloroethylene (TCE) goes into effect 1 June 2022

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Colombia: Deadline to Open Chemical Inventory Portal

01 Jun

Start of 3 year window to introduce new industrial use chemical substances through May 2025

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Uruguay: National Regulation on Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail Published

On 30 June 2022, the National Directorate of Rail Transport of the Ministry of Transport and Public Works of Uruguay published Decree No. 255 to issue the National Regulation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail.

30 Jun

The new regulation establishes the rules and procedures for the rail transport of hazardous goods in order to prevent and address the risks to people and the environment associated with this activity.

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Vermont Restricts Intentionally Added PFAS

01 Jul

Beginning July 1 Vermont restricts intentionally added PFAS in firefighting foams. Check for product restrictions like these.

TSCA

US: TSCA Mercury Reporting Rule with Addition of Articles Deadline

01 Jul

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US: DEA Announces Hearing on Proposal to Place Five Tryptamine Hallucinogens in Schedule I of CSA

06 Jul

On 6 July 2022, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced a hearing to discuss the proposed placement of five tryptamine hallucinogens in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). The hearing will take place on 22 August 2022.

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US: Minnesota Updates Toxic Free Kids Act Chemicals of High Concern

On 11 July 2022, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) issued a program report updating its list of Chemicals of High Concern (CHC) and discussing program activities in the last three years.

11 Jul

The amendments add and delete a number of substances from the CHC list, and make updates to the high production volume (HPV) chemicals list, which is used to inform the placement of chemicals onto the Priority Chemical list.

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Chile: Deadline for Publication of Risk Assessment Resolution

09 Aug

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US: EPA Removes PFAS and Adds New Commodity Inerts to Pesticide Ingredients Lists

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took two separate actions in regard to inert ingredients in pesticides. On 7 September 2022, the EPA added 16 inert ingredients to the Commodity Inert Ingredients List.

07 Sep

On 13 September 2022, the EPA proposed removing 12 chemicals identified as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that are no longer used in any registered pesticide product from the inert ingredients list because the substances are PFAS.

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: California Safer Products Act lists Converted Leather and Textile Treatments Containing PFAS as Priority Product

28 Sep

Initial reports due 31 May and Alternative Analysis due 28 Sept 22

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US: California Passes AB-1817 and AB-2771 to Restrict PFAS in Textiles and Cosmetics

On 29 September 2022, California signed AB-1817 into law, prohibiting the distribution of new textile articles that contain regulated per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

29 Sep

AB-2771 also was enacted to broaden the scope of PFAS prohibited in cosmetics. PFAS restrictions in both laws are effective beginning 1 January 2025.

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US: US: FDA Proposes Update to Definition of “Healthy”

On 29 September 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a proposal to update the definition of the implied nutrient content claim “healthy” to be consistent with current nutrition science and federal dietary guidance.

29 Sep

The deadline for submitting comments is 28 December 2022.

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US: Maine Releases Second Draft Concept Paper on PFAS Reporting

On 13 October 2022, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) released the second draft concept paper outlining the notification requirements and sales prohibitions for products containing intentionally added PFAS under Maine's Act to Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution.

13 Oct

The Maine DEP will host a meeting to solicit feedback on the proposal on 27 October 2022.

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US: EPA Proposes Doubling TSCA Fees and Other Changes to Fee Rules

On 16 November 2022, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed modifying and increasing fees under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

16 Nov

The proposals also include changes to the exemptions from fees and reporting requirements. Comments on the proposals must be received by 17 January 2023,

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US: New York Bans Certain Uses of Trichloroethylene 1 Dec 21

01 Dec

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US: EPA Provides Notice of Rulemaking for Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

On 15 December 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed issuing regulations to implement certain provisions of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (AIM Act), as enacted on 27 December 2020, to restrict the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in specific sectors or subsectors.

15 Dec

This proposed rulemaking would implement certain provisions of the AIM Act in regard to phasing down the production and use of HFCs. Comments on this proposal are due by 30 January 2023.

GHS

Costa Rica: GHS

30 Dec

New GHS Rev. 6 labels required. [Learn more about GHS requirements.](#)

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US: OSHA Targets December for final GHS Rev. 7 Rule

31 Dec

GHS

US: CA Heath Canada Targets December for Final GHS Rev. 7 Rule

31 Dec

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US: Maine Bans PFAS

Maine bans carpets and fabrics with intentionally added PFAS, effective 1 January 2023. Find out in advance when upcoming regulatory changes impact your products. Try 3E Monitor Free.

01 Jan

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US: California PFAS Banned in Food Packaging

California bans PFAS in food packaging and requires hazard disclosure for cookware

01 Jan

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US: California OEHHA Adopts Safe Harbor Warning for Glyphosate

On 1 September 2022, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) adopted safe harbor warning language for exposures to glyphosate.

01 Jan

Businesses required by the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) to provide warnings for glyphosate may use the safe harbor warning. The revised regulation is effective on 1 January 2023.

GHS

Canada: Publishes Hazardous Product Regulations to Align With 7th Revised Edition of GHS

Canada has finalized its process to update the Hazardous Products Regulations in order to align them with the seventh revised edition of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Health Canada also announced, in response to stakeholder requests, an extended transition period of three years, until 14 December 2025.

04 Jan

Health Canada had delayed the final publication in order to align with the proposed changes to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard.

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US: FDA Updates 2022 Edition of FDA Food Code

On 20 January 2023, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the re-release of the 2022 edition of the FDA Food Code. The food code provides guidance to state and local authorities and retailers to help mitigate foodborne illness risks at retail and provide a uniform set of national standards for retail food safety.

20 Jan

GHS

Chile: GHS Non-Industrial Use Substances

Learn more about the GHS implementation timeline for substances and mixtures

09 Feb

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US: EPA Proposes New Approach to Risk Assessments Under TSCA

On 27 February 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released for public comment a set of principles for evaluating cumulative risks under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and a proposed approach for applying those principles to the evaluation of the cumulative risk posed by certain phthalate chemicals undergoing TSCA section 6 risk evaluation. A public virtual meeting will be on 8–11 May 2023.

27 Feb

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US: FDA Publishes New Dietary Supplement Ingredient Directory

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published its new Dietary Supplement Ingredient Directory on 6 March 2023. This new directory is an effort to provide more information to consumers, manufacturers, and retailers about the types of ingredients that may be used in dietary supplements.

06 Mar

Banned/Restricted Substances

Canada: Proposes Amending Mercury Regulations

On 24 December 2023, Health Canada and Environment Canada announced their intention to amend the Products Containing Mercury Regulations to protect the health of Canadians by lowering the risk of mercury releases into the environment. They will accept public comments on the proposal until 9 March 2023.

09 Mar

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US: New Rules for PBT Chemicals

Proposal for new rules for decaBDE, PIP(3:1), 2,4,6-TTBP, HCBd, PCTP expected in Spring 2023

GHS

Colombia: GHS / SDS For Pure Chemicals and Diluted Solutions

07 Apr

Improve safety and compliance with streamlined SDS authoring

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: EPA Proposes Ban on Consumer Uses and Strict Worker Protection for Methylene Chloride

On 20 April 2023, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a proposal to ban all consumer uses of methylene chloride, eliminate all non-essential industrial and commercial uses, and set tight occupational exposure requirements for the remaining uses of methylene chloride.

20 Apr

This proposal follows the earlier determination that methylene chloride poses an unreasonable risk of injury to health. The proposal will be published in the Federal Register shortly, with a 60-day comment period to follow.

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Argentina: Sets Transitory Regime for Traceability of Empty Containers of Agrochemical Products (EPR)

On 27 April 2023, Argentina's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development published Resolution No. 155/2023 (RESOL-2023-155-APN-MAD) to establish a transitory traceability regime for Type A and Type B agrochemical empty containers.

27 Apr

The regime will remain in force until the implementation of the Single Traceability System created by Article 24 of Law No. 27.279 on environmental protection measures for the management of empty agrochemical containers. The Single Traceability System must be implemented by 30 September 2023.

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US: EPA Proposes Regulating Some PFAS in Drinking Water

On 29 March 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a preliminary regulatory determination to regulate perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) and its ammonium salt (also known as a GenX chemicals), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and mixtures of these per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The public comment period is open through 30 May 2023.

29 Apr

GHS

Costa Rica: GHS

New SDS under GHS re-registration deadline for products registered Jan 2012 – 2 May 2018

02 May

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US: FDA Submits Petition for Repeal of Titanium Dioxide Color Additive Regulation

On 3 May 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the filing of a color additive petition under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act to repeal the color additive regulation for titanium dioxide in § 73.575 (21 CFR 73.575), which permits the use of titanium dioxide in foods.

03 May

The petition was filed on 14 April 2023 by the Environmental Defense Fund, Center for Environmental Health, Center for Food Safety, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Environmental Working Group. Comments are due by 3 July 2023.

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Maine Proposed Rule on PFAS Notification and Prohibition Is Open for Comment

On 15 February 2023, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) released a draft regulation outlining the notification requirements and sales prohibitions for products containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under Maine's Act to Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution. Maine was the first U.S. state to ban the sale of all products containing intentionally added PFAS and require notification of products containing intentionally added PFAS. A public hearing on the draft will be held on 20 April 2023, and the deadline for comment is 19 May 2023.

19 May

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US: FDA Update on PFAS Activities, Finds Presence in Some Seafood Samples

On 31 May 2023, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provided an update on the activities related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the general food supply, including recent testing results, progress on seafood related work, and advances in testing methods.

31 May

This update relates to FDA efforts to estimate dietary exposure to PFAS in the general food supply. In this announcement, the FDA reports finding PFAS in two cod and two shrimp samples and one sample each of tilapia, salmon, and ground beef.

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US: Washington State Drafts Rule to Restrict PFAS, Flame Retardants, and Others in Consumer Products

The proposed effective date for the rule is 1 June 2023. Comments are due by 23 August 2022.

01 Jun

On 9 August 2022, the state of Washington Department of Ecology published a preliminary draft rule under the Safer Products for Washington program to restrict or require reporting of certain consumer products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAS), ortho-phthalates, organohalogen and organophosphate flame retardants, alkylphenol ethoxylates, and bisphenols.

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Maine Updates PFAS Notification Requirements

On 8 June 2023, Maine adopted An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), which amends the PFAS product notification requirements originally set out in Maine's Act to Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution.

08 Jun

The updates include postponing the deadline for notification to 1 January 2025 and other changes.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Canada: Publishes Draft PFAS Report, Proposes Listing PFAS as Toxic Class of Substances

In the 20 June 2023 edition of the Canadian Gazette, Canada emitted the "Publication of the Draft State of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Report (Paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)."

20 Jun

Canada also published a risk management scope for PFAS as well as the "Support Document: Ecological State of the Science Report on Short-Chain PFCAs, Short-Chain PFRAs, and Long-Chain PFSAs."

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Vermont Bans PFAS

01 Jul

Vermont bans intentionally added PFAS in food packaging, rugs and carpets and ski wax, effective 1 July 2023

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: California Limits Use of PFAS

01 Jul

California limits use of PFAS in children's products, effective 1 July 2023. Want to quickly determine the impact of bans on your products? Try 3E Insight for Chemicals free.

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US: Colorado Bans PFAS and Requires Full Chemical Disclosure of Downhole Oil and Gas Products

01 Jul

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US: California DTSC Releases Hazardous Waste Management Report, Incorporates EPR

17 Jul

As a result of a process set in motion by Senate Bill 158 (SB 158), the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) released the first draft of its Hazardous Waste Management Report on 17 July 2023.

The public feedback period takes place between 17 July and 17 September 2023. There will be a workshop (in-person or on Zoom) on 9 August 2023 in Sacramento to review the data and discuss next steps.

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Uruguay: Launches Consultations on MERCOSUR Resolutions on Food Additives and Food Contaminants

On 20 July 2023, the Ministry of Health of Uruguay launched public consultations on the adoption of two MERCOSUR resolutions that incorporate new food additives in some food categories. It also opened a public consultation on a MERCOSUR resolution that adopts the definition of food contaminants. The public consultations will remain open until 23 September 2023.

20 Jul

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US: Oregon Adopts Rules to Control Waste Mattresses and Tires as Part of EPR

The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) adopted rules on 20 July 2023 that help regulate the handling of waste tires and mattresses in the state. The commission adopted updates to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) waste tire rules that affect the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Division 64.

20 Jul

In addition, the commission adopted rules to clarify and implement the Mattress Stewardship Act of 2022 (SB1576). Both sets of rules entered into effect immediately.

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: US EPA Releases Initial Monitoring Data on 29 PFAS and Lithium

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced on 17 August 2023 the release of the first of 12 sets of data on 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium.

17 Aug

This information is part of the EPA's actions to address PFAS in drinking water as finalized in a Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) rule that requires certain public water systems to collect national occurrence data for 29 PFAS and lithium. This rule, the fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) was published on 27 December 2021.

TSCA

US: Conference Chatter: An Overview of the US EPA's New Cumulative Risk Assessment for Phthalates

New guidance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on phthalates has provided toxicologists and risk mitigation strategists with a new framework in the form of a cumulative risk assessment (CRA) to more accurately weigh the risks associated with using phthalates in various settings, including for workers exposed to chemical stressors governed by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

05 Oct

Banned/Restricted Substances

Peru: Publishes Draft Decree Amending Requirements for Use of Asbestos Products

On 12 October 2023, the Peruvian Government notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) through Notification G/TBT/N/PER/41 of a draft Supreme Decree. This decree amends Article 11 of the Regulation of Law No. 29662, which prohibits amphibole asbestos and regulates the use of chrysotile asbestos and was approved by Supreme Decree No. 028-2014-SA. Peruvian authorities will receive comments until 11 December 2023.

12 Oct

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US: Congress to Consider Extended Producer Responsibility Bill for Waste Reduction

On 25 October 2023, Representative Jared Huffman (D-2, CA) and Senator Jeff Merkley (OR) introduced the bicameral Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2023 to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act for the purpose of reducing single-use plastic and to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, among other ends. The bill is known as H.R. 6053 in the U.S. House of Representatives and S3127 in the U.S. Senate. A similar bill was introduced in 2021.

25 Oct

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Canada: Opens Consultation on Significant Amendments to Food Regulations

On 4 November 2023, Health Canada published in the Canada Gazette proposed regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning Food Additives and Compositional Standards, Microbiological Criteria, and Methods of Analysis for Food. The changes are described as significant amendments to Part B of the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR), along with targeted amendments to Parts A and D. The comment period closes on 2 February 2024.

04 Nov

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: New York Bans Intentionally Added PFAS in Food Packaging

21 Dec

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Connecticut Bans Intentionally Added PFAS in Food Packaging

31 Dec

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Connecticut Bans Intentionally Added PFAS in Food Packaging

31 Dec

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Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Minnesota Bans Intentionally Added PFAS in Food Packaging

01 Jan

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Colorado Ban on Intentionally Added PFAS in Carpets, Fabrics, Food Packaging, Juvenile Products, Oil and Gas

01 Jan

Carpets, rugs, fabric treatments, food packaging, juvenile products, and oil and gas products must not be distributed or sold after 1 January 2024

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US: EPA Finalizes Alternate Extraction Methods and Amends PCB Cleanup and Disposal Regulations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released on 29 August 2023 a rule finalizing regulatory changes that address several key issues related to implementing the PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) Cleanup and Disposal Program under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulations, also referred to as the PCB regulations. The rule will become effective on 26 February 2024.

26 Feb

GHS

Colombia: GHS / SDS Mixtures

07 Apr

GHS

Chile: GHS Notification Industrial Use Substances

30 Aug

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US: CPSC Updates Button Cell Battery Packaging and Warning Label Requirements

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) released a final rule and a direct final rule on 21 September 2023 regarding performance and labeling requirements for consumer products containing button cell or coin battery packages in an effort to reduce the risk of injury from ingestion of such batteries by children six years old or younger.

21 Sep

The final rule will take effect on 21 September 2024 and is consistent with the requirements outlined in Reese's Law, Pub. L. 117-171, 15 U.S.C. 2056e, which was signed by President Joe Biden on 16 August 2022. The direct final rule will incorporate by reference a voluntary standard as the mandatory standard for consumer products containing button cell or coin batteries. It will take effect on 23 October 2023.

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: PIP (3:1)

EPA extended the compliance date for the PIP (3:1) final rule's prohibitions on the processing and distribution of PIP (3:1) and PIP (3:1)-containing articles, as well as the Final Rule's associated record-keeping requirements

31 Oct

The EPA announced its plan to initiate a new separate rulemaking in Spring 2023 and propose new rules for the five identified chemicals that are considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic ("PBT Chemicals"), including phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) ("PIP (3:1)").

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Cosmetics & Personal Care

US: California and Maryland Ban on Certain Chemicals in Cosmetics

Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Colorado Ban on Intentionally Added PFAS in Cosmetics, Indoor Textile Furnishings, and Indoor Upholstered Furniture

Cosmetics, indoor textile furnishings, and indoor upholstered furniture containing intentionally added PFAS must not be distributed or sold after 1 January 2025. 01 Jan

- Outdoor textile furnishings and outdoor upholstered furniture must not be distributed or sold after 1 January 2027. Environmentally preferable products must not contain intentionally added PFAS.

GHS

Chile: GHS Industrial Use Mixtures 09 Feb

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Colombia: Registration of Industrial Use Chemical Substances

25 May

Registration of industrial use chemical substances for production exceeding 100 kilograms per year via National Subsystem for Quality (SICAL) 3-year window

GHS

Chile: GHS Notification Non-Industrial Use Substances 30 Aug

2027

GHS

Chile: GHS Non-Industrial Use Mixtures

09 Feb

GHS

Chile: GHS Notification Industrial Use Mixtures

30 Aug

2029

GHS

Chile: GHS Notification Non-Industrial Use Mixtures

30 Aug

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Banned/Restricted Substances

US: Maine Bans PFAS

01 Jan

Maine bans products containing PFAS, effective 1 January 2030. Find out in advance when upcoming regulatory changes impact your products. Try 3E Monitor Free.

Asia Pacific

2020

GHS

China: GHS

05 Apr

GHS revision proposal consultation ended

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China: MEE Order No. 12

29 Apr

MEE Order No. 12 (new chemical registration) published

GHS

Australia: CoP SDS

28 Aug

CoP SDS and labeling

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China: MEE Order No. 12

06 Sep

Draft guidance to MEE Order No. 12 ended

GHS

New Zealand: GHS

Second GHS 7 consultation

REACH

India: REACH

REACH Draft Chemical Rules (5th)

GHS

Korea: MoEL's MSDS

12 Nov

Standard revision finalized 12 Nov 2020

GHS

New Zealand: GHS

GHS 7 Update: 2020 Hazard Classification notice & 2020 Group Standards

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Vietnam: National Chemical Inventory

2nd Chemical Inventory Nomination

GHS

Australia: GHS

GHS 7 Update; WHS Amendment Regulations

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New Zealand: WES

WES List (12th edition)

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Korea: CCA K-UFI Draft

CCA K-UFI draft expected finalization end of 2020 - DELAYED

2021

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China: MEE Order No. 12

01 Jan

MEE Order No. 12 (new chemical registration) effective

GHS

Australia: GHS

01 Jan

Beginning of two-year transition period to GHS Rev. 7

GHS

Malaysia: GHS

01 Jan

GHS classification under Industry Code of Practice 2019 required

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Korea: K-OSHA

16 Jan

K-OSHA new MSDS rules enter into force for new products

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Vietnam: Pesticides

Pesticides banned

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Vietnam: National Chemical Inventory

15 Apr

End of nomination period for National Chemical Inventory

GHS

New Zealand: GHS

30 Apr

Beginning of two-year transition period to GHS Rev. 7

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Australia: ADG

01 Oct

ADG 7.7 becomes mandatory

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Thailand: Chemicals Act

Fourth draft of Chemicals Act expected to finalize

REACH

Korea: K-REACH

31 Dec

K-REACH registration grace period ends for existing substances $\geq 1,000$ tons/year or CMR ≥ 1 ton/year

2022

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Korea: K-OSHA

16 Jan

K-OSHA SDS submission due for $>1,000$ tons. See deadlines on the horizon.

REACH

Korea: K-REACH / CCA Authorization List Public Comments End

20 Jan

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New Zealand: Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (OEL/BEL) Edition 13 Published

13 Apr

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Turkey: Draft Regulation on Import and Export of Some Hazardous Chemicals Published

Prepared in parallel with the European Parliament and Council Regulation EC No. 649/2012 dated 27/07/2012

Aims to harmonize Turkish regulations with the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

GHS

Singapore: GHS Draft Rev. 7

06 Jun

Public comment by 6 June 2022

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Thailand: Finalizes New Legislation on Plastic Food Contact Material

17 Jun

On 17 June 2022 Thailand's Ministry of Public Health issued a notification finalizing the new requirements on plastic food contact material.

Banned/Restricted Substances

India: Ban of Single-Use Plastic Items

01 Jul

Manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of selected single-use plastic items to be prohibited.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Philippines: Passes Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022

On 12 August 2022, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines issued a press release on the enactment of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022, or Republic Act 11898 (Senate Bill No. 2425).

23 Jul

The Republic Act 11898 requires large-scale companies to establish the extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for plastic waste reduction. It lapsed into law o 23 July 2022, and it took effect within 15 days of the official gazette publication date.

Food & Beverage

Indonesia: Guidelines for Health Supplement Claims Issues

On 8 August 2022, the National Food and Drug Control Agency (BPOM) issued BPOM Regulation No. 19 of 2022 on Guidelines for Health Supplement Claims.

08 Aug

This regulation aims to ensure the transparency, safety, consistency, and quality standards for health supplement products in Indonesia. The formulation of this draft referred to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) "Guidelines on Claims Substantiation for Health Supplements." The regulation took effect immediately.

GHS

Malaysia: Proposed to Adopt GHS Rev. 8

15 Aug

Comment period ends August 15

REACH

Korea: Korea Provides More Criteria to Designate K-REACH "Chemicals Subject to Authorization"

23 Aug

Mainly from Priority Control Chemicals; domestic circulated volume; international standards

REACH

Korea: Bans Certain Labeling Statements Under K-BPR CCP

23 Aug

"Toxic zero" "Nontoxic" banned for biocidal substances or products. Misleading claims such as "pure," "natural," "green", etc. banned for CCP with some exceptions.

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Korea: MoEL Waves Reporting Obligation for Nonhazardous Substances in CBI Application Under K-OSHA

On 18 August 2022, Korea's Ministry of Employment and Labor (MoEL) announced MoEL Ministerial Decree No. 363, which updated the Enforcement Rule of Occupational Safety and Health Law (K-OSHA).

18 Sep

This amendment entered into force immediately and is effective for those who have already applied for CBI claims and were under approval review even before this amendment entered into force. It updates the document requirements for the confidential business information (CBI) nondisclosure application under K-OSHA.

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Indonesia:: Prepares Draft Regulation on Registration of Processed Foods

On 10 October 2022, Indonesia's National Food and Drug Control Agency (BPOM) opened for public consultation the BPOM Draft Regulation Concerning Processed Food Registration.

10 Oct

When the draft regulation eventually comes into force, BPOM Regulation No. 27 of 2017, as amended by BPOM Regulation No. 7 of 2021, which is the existing legal framework for the registration of processed foods, will be repealed and replaced. This draft regulation is currently under discussion. However, the comment period ended on 14 October 2022.

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Thailand: FDA Updates Hazardous Substance Safety Handling Requirements

On 21 October 2022, Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (FDA), under the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), published Notification of the Ministry of Public Health on Criteria and Methods of Production, Import, Export, and Transit and Having in Possession for Contracting Use of Hazardous Substances Under the Authority of the Food and Drug Administration, B.E. 2565 (2022), dated 29 September 2022, in the Royal Thai Gazette.

22 Oct

The 2022 changes focus on improving the safety criteria and procedures for entities handling hazardous substances. It took effect on 22 October 2022.

REACH

India: Final India REACH Expected

01 Dec

Banned/Restricted Substances

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12 Dec

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Japan: Further Controls PFOS- and PFOA-Related Substances Under Water Pollution Control Act

23 Dec

On 23 December 2022, Japan's Ministry of Environment (MOE) added four substances, including perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and their salts to the list of designated substances of the Water Pollution Control Act. The amendment will be effective on 2 February 2023.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Philippines: Mercury Added Product Phase Out

31 Dec

Chemicals & Materials

China: Risk Assessment Plan of New Pollutants

31 Dec

Stay ahead of global regulatory changes.

2023

GHS

Australia: GHS

01 Jan

GHS Transition Rev.3 to Rev.7 Ends. Only GHS 7 is accepted.

Chemicals & Materials

Hong Kong: Draft Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Limits Proposed

01 Jan

Banned/Restricted Substances

India: To Require EPR Obligations on Electronic Waste by April 2023

01 Jan

On 2 November 2022, India's Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) published the E-Waste Management Rules 2022 (G.S.R. 801 (E)) in the Indian Gazette.

Chemicals & Materials

Malaysia: Sets Roadmap to Adopt Voluntary EPR Scheme on Plastic Products in 2023

Malaysia plans to implement a voluntary extended producer responsibility (EPR) program as part of its strategy to phase out single-use plastic. The “Malaysia Plastics Sustainability Roadmap 2021–2030,” published by the Ministry of Environment and Water (KASA), establishes the timeline for the EPR framework starting from 2023 onward.

01 Jan

Chemicals & Materials

Korea: K-OSHA

K-OSHA SDS submission due for >100–1,000 tons

16 Jan

Food & Beverage

Philippines: Proposes Aligning Food Additive Requirements With Codex Alimentarius

On 19 January 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Philippines published the (Draft) Administrative Order No... on Revised Guidelines on Food Additives and Processing Aids, Repealing Administrative Order 88-A s. 1984 for public comment. The draft administrative order seeks to further align the Philippines' food additive requirements with the latest Codex Alimentarius General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA).

19 Jan

Food & Beverage

China: Approves New Food Ingredients and New Food Additives

On 2 March 2023, China's National Health Commission (NHC) published the Notice to Approve 28 New Food Ingredients, New Food Additives, and New Food Contact Materials Including *Leuconostoc pseudomesenteroides* (????????28“????”??). The notice took effect immediately.

02 Mar

Chemicals & Materials

Japan: New PRTR Effective

01 Apr

Ensure Safety Data Sheets comply with the latest requirements

GHS

Japan: ISHL (Industrial Health and Safety Law), Mandatory SDS and Labels for Additional 234 Substances

01 Apr

Mandatory SDS and Labels for additional 234 substances

Chemicals & Materials

India: Now Enforces EPR Obligations on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

India now requires the producers of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) to comply with extended producer responsibility (EPR) obligations by enforcing the E-Waste Management Rules 2022, which began on 1 April 2023.

01 Apr

In addition, to fulfill the obligations, those who manufacture new products must ensure that they do not contain hazardous substances under the incorporated Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) requirements.

Banned/Restricted Substances

New Zealand: Bans PVC and Polystyrene Food and Beverage Packaging by Mid-2025

On 27 March 2023, New Zealand's Ministry for the Environment published the "Guidance on Plastic Products Banned from Mid-2025." The guidance provides the description of hard-to-recycle plastic food and beverage packaging products that will be banned from manufacture and sale in New Zealand starting from mid-2025.

27 Apr

Banned/Restricted Substances

Vietnam: Consults on Revised Decree on Management of Chemical Weapons

On 9 May 2023, the Vietnam Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) proposed a replacement regulation on managing toxic and precursor chemicals defined as chemical weapons.

09 May

The (Draft) Government Decree on the Regulations and Guidelines for the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, Use, and Destruction of Chemical Weapons No. ... 2023/ND-CP (2023 Draft CWC Decree) and other supporting documents are available for public comment until 12 July 2023.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Thailand: Continues Increasing PFHxS and PFOA Control Under 2023-2027 National POPs Strategic Plan

On 26 May 2023, Thailand's Pollution Control Department (PCD), under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, published the National Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants B.E 2566-2570 (2023-2027).

26 May

The document stipulates Thailand's regulatory policies and action plan for the next five years (2023–2027) that will further align the country's obligations under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

Chemicals & Materials

Australia: Requires Annual Import/Export Approval for decaBDE and PFOAs From 21 July 2023

On 14 July 2023, the Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS) published a notice announcing the enforcement date of import and export authorization of decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and PFOA-related compounds that began on 21 July 2023.

28 Jun

Following the June 2023 notice, changes have been implemented under the issuance of the Industrial Chemicals (General) Amendment (Rotterdam Convention) Rules 2023, published on 28 June 2023.

Food & Beverage

Thailand: Finalizes Chocolate and Cocoa Products Standards

On 29 June 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of Thailand, under the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), published two regulations finalizing the revision of chocolate product standards and new cocoa bean standards.

30 Jun

The changes took effect on 30 June 2023. Any products circulated before the effective date of the new regulations are permitted for circulation until 30 June 2025.

Chemicals & Materials

Australia: Proposes Prohibiting PFOA, PFOS, and PFHxS Under IChEMS Schedules by July 2025

On 21 July 2023, the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water (DCCEEW), under the Minister of Environment, published a notice on the proposed list of industrial chemicals subject to environmental control measures under the schedules of the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS).

21 Jul

The proposed action includes the decision to additionally list three per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the list of chemicals prohibited from import, export, manufacture, and use in Australia. The public consultation period will be open until 1 September 2023.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Singapore: Will Enhance Regulatory Control of Chemical Weapons Effective 21 August 2023

On 17 February 2023, Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA), the Singapore Civil Defense Force (SCDF), and Singapore Customs issued a letter titled "Joint Regulatory Control of Scheduled Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Chemicals."

21 Aug

The letter informed the industry of the upcoming changes to the regulatory control of chemical weapons, which are now shared by the three Singapore authorities. By 21 August 2023, companies engaging in the controlled activities of certain chemical weapons must obtain approval from the NEA or SCDF, in addition to the Singapore Customs' licensing requirements.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Singapore: Revisions made to Flammable Materials Regulations to Regulate Certain CWC Chemicals

On 17 February 2023, the Singapore Civil Defense Force (SCDF), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, published the Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) (Amendment) Regulations 2023. The changes aim to align with the recent actions that provide the SCDF with additional power to co-regulate certain Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) chemicals with two other authorities (National Environment Agency (NEA) and Singapore Customs). To further fulfill this obligation, the SCDF will regulate 12 CWC chemicals as flammable material under the Fire Safety Act and its regulations, with changes effective 21 August 2023.

21 Aug

GHS

Japan: Requires Labels and SDSs for All GHS Hazardous Substances

On 30 August 2023, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare (MHLW) announced amendments to the Industrial Safety and Health Law (ISHL) Cabinet Order and Ministerial Order, as well as the Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards Due to Specified Chemical Substances. The amendments mandate labels and safety data sheets (SDSs) for all Globally Harmonized System (GHS) classified hazardous chemicals. A part of the amendment took effect immediately.

30 Aug

Food & Beverage

China: Publishes New National Standards on Food Additives and Food Nutrient Enhancers

On 25 September 2023, China's National Health Commission published Notice No. 2023-6 to release 85 new national standards on food, food additives, food-contact adhesives, and food testing (effective starting from 6 March 2024) and amendments to three current national standards (effective starting from 6 September 2023).

06 Sep

Chemicals & Materials

China: Will Finalize and Publish Hazardous Chemicals Safety Law Within Five Years

On 8 September 2023, China's Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPCSC) released a five-year legislation schedule containing 130 laws that will be developed, finalized, or enacted (????????????????). The schedule is a guiding document pointing out the legislative agenda for the next five years.

08 Sep

Food & Beverage

China: Proposes Approving One New Food Additive and Expanding Use Scope of Two Food Additives

The China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) published the Invite for Response to the Proposed Approval of Three New Food Additives Including 2'-Fucosyllactose?2'-FL (????????2'-????????3????????????) on 23 August 2023. Public consultation on the proposal will be open until 18 September 2023.

18 Sep

REACH

India: Moves One Step Closer to Establishing India-REACH by Launching ChemIndia

On 10 October 2023, India's Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC) launched the Chemicals Inventory of India (ChemIndia) with the aim of providing integrated data across various sectors, ministries, and departments and collecting data from the chemicals and petrochemicals industry.

10 Oct

Food & Beverage

Vietnam: To Align Food Additive Requirements With Codex Alimentarius by November 2023

09 Nov

On 25 September 2023, Vietnam's Ministry of Health (MOH) issued Circular No. 17/2023/TT-BYT on Amending, Supplementing, and Repealing the Number of Articles on Food Safety (Circular 17/2023/TT-BYT). The circular entered into force on 9 November 2023.

2024

GHS

Philippines: GHS Labeling Compliance Required for Household Urban/Hazardous Substances (HUHS)

01 Jan

Ensure your products can be transported and sold in intended markets

Chemicals & Materials

Korea: K-OSHA

16 Jan

K-OSHA SDS submission due for >10–100 tons

Cosmetics & Personal Care

Malaysia: Notifies and Adopts Updated ASEAN Cosmetic Directive Annexes

21 Nov

On 12 January 2023, the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), under the Ministry of Health of Malaysia, issued Circular No. 1/2023 on Information on the Updated Status of Ingredients in Annexes in the Guidelines for Control of Cosmetic Products in Malaysia (Circular 1/2023). The circular announced Malaysia's alignment of its cosmetic regulations with the latest changes made to the annexes of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Cosmetic Directive.

2025

GHS

Japan: ISHL (Industrial Health and Safety Law)

01 Jan

Mandatory SDS and Labels for additional 675 substances (proposed)

Chemicals & Materials

Korea: K-OSHA

16 Jan

K-OSHA SDS submission due for >1–10 tons

GHS

New Zealand: GHS

30 Apr

GHS Rev. 7 transition ends

Chemicals & Materials

China: VoC (Volatile Organic Compounds) Revision

Proposed by end of 2025

2026

GHS

Japan: ISHL (Industrial Health and Safety Law)

01 Jan

Mandatory SDS and Labels for additional 827 substances (proposed)

GHS

Thailand: Implements GHS for Aquaculture Chemicals

01 Jan

Effective for mixtures

Chemicals & Materials

Korea: K-OSHA

16 Jan

K-OSHA SDS submission due for <1 ton

2030

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Vietnam: Aim to Complete Structured Inventory by 2030

2035

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China: New Pollutant Control Scheme Fully Implemented

By end of 2035

Europe, Middle East and Africa

2020

GHS

EU: CLP ATP 12

REACH

Turkey: KKDIK

31 Dec

KKDIK pre-registration deadline

2021

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EU: Poison Centre Notification

01 Jan

Poison Centre Notification: Consumer and Professional Use

REACH

UK: REACH/CLP

01 Jan

Post-Brexit REACH/CLP requirements take effect

Chemicals & Materials

EU: ECHA SCIP

05 Jan

ECHA SCIP Database submission deadline for Substances of Concern in articles as such or in complex objects (Products)

GHS

EU: CLP ATP 15

01 Mar

60 new and revised entries to Annex VI

GHS

Israel: GHS

10 Aug

End of GHS transition period

GHS

EU: CLP ATP 14

01 Oct

New classification and labeling requirements for titanium dioxide mixtures

REACH

UK: REACH

27 Oct

EU-based registrants (importers) to provide U.K. authorities with Downstream User Import Notifications (DUINs)

2022

GHS

EU: CLP Revision

Proposal for new hazard classes / categories in mid-2022 for endocrine disruptors, PBTs/vPvB, PMTs/vPvM. Learn about these and other regulatory changes on the horizon.

REACH

EU: REACH Revision

Proposal expected to be submitted in 2022 for polymer registration, mixture assessment factors, Authorization and Restriction reform, among others.

REACH

EU: ECHA Notification for SVHCs

07 Jan

ECHA adds 8 substances of very high concern to the REACH Candidate List

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Unveils Future Revision of Chemical Regulations Through New Clean Soil Strategy

EU Commission announced the "EU Soil Strategy for 2030: Reaping the Benefits of Healthy Soils for People, Food, Nature, and Climate," including actions planned in 2022.

REACH

EU: REACH Annexes VII-XI Registration Clarification

08 Jan

Cosmetics & Personal Care

EU: Aligns Cosmetics Regulation with CLP by Banning CMR Substances

EU Official Journal published amendment to Cosmetics Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009, banning several carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction (CMR) substances in cosmetic products.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: EFSA Identifies and Prioritizes Plasticizers Used in FCMs

12 May

On 12 May 2022 the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published the results of its identification and prioritization of plasticizers in food contact materials (FCMs). This work is the first step in reevaluating the health risks from plasticizers.

REACH

Serbia: REACH Update

20 May

GHS

Russia: Unenforced National GHS Standards Revoked

On 30 May 2022, the Russian Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology (Rosstandart) revoked GOST R 58473-2019, GOST R 58474-2019, and GOST R 58475-2019.

01 Jun

These national implementation standards for the 7th revised edition of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System (GHS) were revoked a day before their enforcement and never had any effect on the Russian chemical regulatory framework.

Chemicals & Materials

Turkey: Publication of Chemicals Data System (KIMVES) for Chemical Classifications and Labeling Inventory

14 Jun

On 14 June 2022, Turkey's Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change (MoEUCC) announced a website that users can use to search the inventory of chemicals called the Chemicals Data System (KIMVES). The KIMVES provides information about notifications and registrations under the Turkish REACH (KKDIK) and the CLP Regulation, or Turkish SEA Regulation.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Amendment to Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation 649/2012/EU

On 20 April 2022, the EU Official Journal published an amendment to the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation 649/2012/EU, which implements the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.

01 Jul

While the modification will enter into force on 10 May 2022, it will start to apply effectively on 1 July 2022.

Food & Beverage

EU: DEA Announces Hearing on Proposal to Place Five Tryptamine Hallucinogens in Schedule I of CSA

On 4 July 2022, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) issued a scientific statement that provides an overview of the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for potassium phosphonates that were derived from different uses and different data sets.

04 Jul

The results of these different uses and data sets led EFSA to propose diverging MRLs for the same products.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: EFSA Launches Public Consultation on Pesticide Impact on Bees

On 18 July 2022, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) launched a public consultation regarding revisions to its guidance document on the risk assessment of pesticides on bees—specifically honey bees, bumble bees, and solitary bees. The deadline for comments is set for 3 October 2022.

18 Jul

GHS

Russia: Implementation of New GHS Standards Announced

On 19 July 2022, the Association Non-Profit Partnership Coordination and Information Center of the CIS Member States for the Convergence of Regulatory Practices...

19 Jul

—NP KIC CIS (CIS Center)—announced the recent adoption of the following three new Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) standards as Russian national standards: Classification: GOST 32419-2022; SDS: GOST 30333-2022; Labeling: GOST 31340-2022.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: New Water Policy Watch List Published

On 26 July 2022, the EU Official Journal published a new list of substances that should be monitored in the aquatic environment.

26 Jul

The newly published Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1307 repeals the previous list laid down in Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1161.

REACH

EU: REACH Annex XVII Restriction on PAHs

10 Aug

GHS

Israel: GHS Applies

10 Aug

Food & Beverage

EU: Allowed Maximum Residue Levels for Ethylene Oxide in Food Additives Defined

On 12 August 2022, the European Commission set out acceptable maximum levels of ethylene oxide residues in food additives.

12 Aug

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1396 (Amending Regulation) amends the Annex to Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 Laying Down Specifications for Food Additives Listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 that bans the use of ethylene oxide as a sterilization agent in food additives. It entered into effect on 1 September 2022.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Saudi Arabia: Publication of second edition of Technical Regulation on RoHS

22 Aug

Banned/Restricted Substances

Turkey: Publication of Draft Updating Regulation on RoHS

22 Aug

Banned/Restricted Substances

Turkey: Issuing of Draft Updating Regulation on Control of WEEE

22 Aug

Food & Beverage

EU: EFSA Issues Opinion on Iron Milk Proteinate as a Novel Food

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) issued an opinion on the safety of iron milk proteinate as a novel food (NF) ingredient on 22 September 2022. The request to consider iron milk proteinate as an NF ingredient was originally submitted to the European Commission by the company Société des Produits Nestlé S.A. on 15 June 2021.

22 Sep

Chemicals & Materials

Saudi Arabia:: Draft Issued Regarding Technical Regulation on Packaging

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization (SASO) filed a notification under the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement with the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 3 October 2022 issuing a draft Technical Regulation for Packaging (Draft TR).

03 Oct

Banned/Restricted Substances

EU: New Lead RoHS Exemptions for Medical Devices Finalized

On 22 September 2022, the EU Official Journal published two directives that introduced new exemptions for the use of lead in certain medical devices.

12 Oct

The texts, which amend the Directive 2011/65/EU on the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electric and Electronic Equipment (RoHS Directive) in order to adapt it to scientific and technical progress, will enter into force on 12 October 2022 and will start applying on 1 March 2023.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Priorities in New 2023 Work Program Announced

On 18 October 2022, the European Commission announced its annual Work Program, outlining the priorities for 2023. The Work Program is a policy document that sets out its major agenda for the next year.

18 Oct

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Proposes New Ambient Air Quality Directive Under 2050 Cleaner Air and Water Package

On 26 October 2022, the European Commission announced a legislative package for achieving cleaner air and water in the EU by 2050. In particular, the commission communicated a draft Directive on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe (recast).

26 Oct

The text will merge two current directives (Directive 2004/107/EC Relating to Arsenic, Cadmium, Mercury, Nickel, and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Ambient Air and Directive 2008/50/EC on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe) into one single legal act.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Argentina: Publishes Updated Compilation of Existing, Restricted, and Prohibited Chemical Substances

On 14 November 2022, Argentina's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development published Resolution No. 504/2022, which provides a new version of the National List of Existing, Restricted, and Prohibited Chemical Substances under the direction of its Office of Chemical Substances and Products.

14 Nov

Food & Beverage

EU: EFSA Conducts Public Consultation on Renewal of Approval of Smoke Flavoring

28 Nov

On 28 November 2022, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) opened a public consultation on the proposed renewal of the smoke flavoring proFagus SMOKE R709. Comments were due by 19 December 2022.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Unveils New Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

30 Nov

On 30 November 2022, the European Commission announced a draft Regulation on Packaging and Packaging Waste. The proposal will introduce various requirements for all types of packages and will replace the current Directive 94/62/EC. Public consultation will be held until 7 March 2023. The deadline for comments may be extended, as currently the draft is not available in all EU languages.

Food & Beverage

EU: Amends List of Substances Restricted in Food Supplements

12 Dec

On 1 December 2022, the Official Journal of the European Union published an amendment to Regulation (EC) No. 1925/2006 on the Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods that introduces green tea extracts containing (-)-epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG) as restricted or under Community Scrutiny substances. The amendment entered into force on 12 December 2022.

GHS

EU: CLP ATP 17

17 Dec

Applies 17 December 2022. Learn more about GHS requirements.

REACH

EU: REACH Annex II

31 Dec

REACH Annex II update deadline; end of transitional period for amended SDS requirements. Get expert support for SDS authoring.

2023

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EU: France Finalizes Regulation on Carbon-Neutrality Claims in Advertising

01 Jan

On 14 April 2022, France published Decree No. 2022-539 of 13 April 2022 Relating to Carbon Offsetting and Claims of Carbon Neutrality in Advertising. The text will become enforceable on 1 January 2023.

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01 Jan

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Chemicals & Materials

Turkey: Issues Update to Notification on Import Control of Chemicals for Environmental Protection

01 Jan

On 31 December 2022, the Turkish Ministry of Trade published the Amending Communiqué on Import Control of Chemicals for the Protection of the Environment, Official Gazette No. 32060. It introduces updates to the listed chemicals that are subject to inspection for importation.

Chemicals & Materials

Germany: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) Updates Food Contact Recommendations

In January 2023, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (Bundesinstitute für Risikobewertung (BfR)) updated several of its recommendations on food contact materials. Three of the updated recommendations deal with silicones and rubbers, while the other three recommendations deal with cooking papers. The January updates to these recommendations were published in the Federal Health Gazette (Bundesgesundheitsblatt) on 1 February 2023, and the changes took effect immediately.

01 Feb

REACH

EU: REACH Annex XVII Restriction on C9-C14 PFCAs

25 Feb

Food & Beverage

EU: Approves Carbomer (E 1210) as Food Additive in Food Supplements

On 1 March 2023, the European Official Journal published an amendment that adds carbomer (E 1210) to the EU List of Authorized Food Additives and approves it for use in food supplements. The amendment will enter into force on 21 March 2023.

21 Mar

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Extension on Approval of 4,5-Dichloro-2-Octyl-2H-Isothiazol-3-One and Disapproves d-Allethrin

On 6 March 2023, the Official Journal of the EU published two implementing decisions modifying the list of allowed or banned active substances in biocides under the Biocidal Products Regulation (EU) No. 528/2012. The texts will enter into force on 26 March 2023.

26 Mar

Food & Beverage

EU: Amends Certain Procedures for Assessment of Vitamins and Minerals Under Community Scrutiny

On 20 March 2023, the European Official Journal published an amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 307/2012 that introduces changes to certain procedures for the assessment of vitamins and minerals under Community scrutiny, included in Part C of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No. 1925/2006 on the Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods. The regulation entered into force on 9 April 2023.

09 Apr

Food & Beverage

Turkey: Issues Regulation on Use of Health Claims in Food and Food Supplements

On 20 April 2023, the Turkish Medicine and Medical Devices Agency, which lays out the requirements regarding health claims, published the Regulation on the Use of Health Claims in Food and Food Supplements, prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, in the Official Gazette, No. 32169.

20 Apr

Chemicals & Materials

France: Merges Packaging and Paper EPR Schemes Into One Scheme

On 25 April 2023, France published Law No. 2023-305 of 24 April 2023 Merging the Extended Responsibility Schemes for Producers of Household Packaging and for Producers of Paper. The text reorganizes the two extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes to take into account the similarities of the sorting and collection of the waste concerned. The change applies retroactively from 1 January 2023.

Banned/Restricted Substances

Switzerland: Swiss Codify Exemptions From Bans in Chemical Risk Reduction Ordinance

On 5 April 2023, the Swiss Federal Council amended the 2005 Chemicals Risk Reduction Ordinance.

01 May

The purpose of the amendment is to codify temporary exemptions for the use of substances of very high concern regulated in Annex 1.17 concerning substances listed in Annex XIV of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation). The amendment comes into force on 1 May 2023.

Food & Beverage

EU: Europe and ECHA to Develop First Positive List of Materials in Contact With Drinking Water by 2024

On 24 May 2023, the European Chemicals Safety Agency (ECHA) announced the application formats for companies to use to submit their review application to ECHA if they want to keep their substances on the positive list.

24 May

Companies will also need to submit an application if they want to add new substances to the list. The list will be part of the new Drinking Water Directive.

Chemicals & Materials

France: To Specify Products Subject to EPR for Packaging Used by Caterers

On 8 June 2023, France announced a draft Order Relating to the Packaging of Products Likely to be Consumed or Used by Households and Professionals Engaged in Catering and the Packaging of Products Consumed or Used Specifically by Professionals Engaged in Catering.

08 Jun

The text specifies products that will be subject to the special extended producer responsibility (EPR) scheme for packaging used by professionals involved in catering activities. The public consultation on the draft will be held until 6 July 2023.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Finalizes Major Revision of POPs Waste Requirements

On 9 December 2022, the European Union published Regulation (EU) 2022/2400 that will amend Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs Regulation). While the update will enter into force on 29 December 2022, it will become effective on 10 June 2023, with some transition periods.

10 Jun

Banned/Restricted Substances

Croatia: One Step Ahead of EU Regarding Materials and Objects in Contact With Drinking Water

On 14 June 2023, Croatia published a new Regulation on Health Parameters of Materials and Objects That Come Into Contact With Water Intended for Human Consumption.

14 Jun

The text is one of the few EU member states' acts regulating the safety of materials and objects that come into contact with drinking water in the context of ongoing work on similar EU rules. While the Croatian regulation enters into force on 22 June 2023, economic operators will have one additional year to ensure compliance.

Chemicals & Materials

EU: Publishes New Batteries Regulation with New Chemical, Sustainability, and EPR Requirements

On 28 July 2023, the European Official Journal published a new Batteries and Waste Batteries Regulation (EU) 2023/1542. The text introduces new requirements for the entire life cycle of all batteries sold on the EU market and clarifies the extended producer responsibility (EPR) scheme. While the new regulation will come into force on 17 August 2023, it will start to effectively apply six months later (18 February 2024), with various transitional periods.

17 Jul

Also, starting 18 August 2025, it will repeal the current Batteries Directive 2006/66/EC.

Food & Beverage

EU: Approves Polyglycerol Polyricinoleate (E 476) as a Food Additive

On 30 June 2023, the European Commission published an amendment to Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008, which adds polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476) to its Annex II: Union List of Authorized Food Additives and amends the Annex to Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 concerning the specification for glycerol (E 422), polyglycerol esters of fatty acids (E 475), and polyglycerol polyricinoleate (E 476).

20 Jul

The amendment will enter into force on 20 July 2023. A stock-exhaust clause applies to noncompliant products (the additives included in the amendment and foods containing these additives).

Food & Beverage

EU: Updates Specifications for Food Additive Mono- and Diglycerides of Fatty Acids (E 471)

On 10 July 2023, the European Official Journal Published Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1428 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 updating the specifications for the food additive mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (E471) by reducing the maximum limits for some toxic elements and including maximum limits for certain impurities. The amendment entered into force on 30 July 2023.

30 Jul

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France: Clarifies Scope of Building Construction EPR

On 17 June 2023, France published an opinion of the Ministry of Ecological Transition, clarifying the scope of the newly introduced extended producer responsibility (EPR) scheme for construction products and materials in the building sector put in place on 1 January 2022.

17 Aug

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EU: Establishes Ecodesign Requirements for Mobile Devices in Line With EPR

On 31 August 2023, the European Commission (EC) published Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1670 of 16 June 2023 Laying Down Ecodesign Requirements for Smartphones, Mobile Phones Other Than Smartphones, Cordless Phones, and Slate Tablets (Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1670).

31 Aug

The regulation determines requirements for the placing on the market of smartphones, other mobile phones, cordless phones, and slate tablets. It is designed to help EU member states meet the goals of the Circular Economy Action Plan 2020. It will enter into force on 20 September 2023.

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EU: Issues New Revised Ecolabel Criteria for Absorbent Hygiene Products

On 22 September 2023, the EU Official Journal published Commission Decision (EU) 2023/1809, which establishes new EU Ecolabel criteria for absorbent hygiene products and reusable menstrual cups. The criteria will apply from 21 September 2023 until 31 December 2029.

21 Sep

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South Africa: SDS and Labeling Requirements Transition Period Extended

The transition period for compliance with the safety data sheet (SDS) and labeling requirements laid out in Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents of 2021

23 Sep

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South Africa: GHS Compliance extended until 30 September 2023

23 Sep

Given that the concerned chemical has been manufactured or imported prior to 29 September 2022

REACH

EU: Commission Adopts 2024 Work Program, With No Planned Revision of REACH

27 Oct

On 17 October 2023, the European Commission announced its annual Work Program, outlining the priorities for 2024 and presenting significant legislative proposals and initiatives.

GHS

EU: CLP 18 Applies 1 Dec 2023

01 Dec

REACH

Turkey: REACH - KKDIK Registration

31 Dec

KKDIK registration. Streamline compliance with new implementation timelines and obligations under Turkey REACH.

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EU: Poison Centre Notification

01 Jan

Poison Centre Notification: Industrial Use

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Turkey: SEA (CLP) Regulation

01 Jan

Article 44a Poison Centre Notification requirement begins 1 January 2025

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Switzerland: Updates to Chemicals Ordinance (ChemV)

Entered into force 1 May 2022. Change to existing substance definition from EINECS to REACH registered substances (except for those placed on Swiss market in higher quantities than registered in EEA, or that are only registered as intermediates, provided not monomers).

31 Dec

- Chemicals must be labeled in at least one of region's official languages where product is delivered.
- Economic operators have until 31 December 2025 to comply with changes in labeling requirements.

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