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Standard Operating Procedure for Phthalates

On February 9, 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") issued the Standard Operating Procedure for Determination of Phthalates under Section 108. The Standard Operating Procedure lists everything from equipment and supplies to calculations and results. Furthermore, it provides a step-by-step process to determine the phthalate content of any given product.

The bottom line is that phthalates, unlike lead, are measured as a percentage of the total weight of the product. Therefore, the general approach is to analyze the whole product (each and every component) to determine the phthalate content. Since third party testing is not required for phthalates until at least February 10, 2010, this test method can be used by internal laboratories to determine phthalate content and compliance.

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