

China's REACH has Become Effective

As described in our previous newsletter, [Issue 17/21/TCD](#), the China's national standard GB/T 39498-2020 "Guidelines for the Use and Control of Key Chemical Substances in Consumer Product" (消費品中重點化學物質使用控制指南) was issued on 2020-11-19 by the Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China (國家標準化管理委員會).

The chemical restrictions in this standard are mainly for **toys** and **other consumer goods**, such as jewelry, electrical appliances, leather goods and products that come into contact with skin.

Examples of restricted chemicals are as follows:

- Heavy Metal
- Volatile Organic Compounds (e.g. Benzene, Toluene, Formaldehyde, etc.)
- Bisphenol A
- Chlorinated Solvents
- PBBs
- PBDEs
- Pyrethrol and Pyridine Polyoxyethylene Ether
- N-nitrosamines and N-nitro Substances
- SCCPs (C10-C13) (SCCP)
- Phthalates
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Spices

Effective Date:

It has become effective from **2021-06-01**. For details, please kindly refer to our foregoing newsletter <https://www.stc.group/en/media/detail/1327>.

References:

<http://www.gb688.cn/bzgk/gb/newGbInfo?hcno=0A450E97D7D931BA46782E8C090A20B6>

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