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Background

The European Parliament voted in July 2005 to:

- ban the use of three phthalate plasticisers in all children's toys and childcare items:
 - di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), CAS No 117-81-7
 - di-n-butyl phthalate (DBP), CAS No 84-74-2
 - butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), CAS No 85-68-7;
- ban the use of three other phthalates in toys and childcare items that can be put in the mouth by children:
 - diisononyl phthalate (DINP), CAS No 28553-12-0
 - diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP), CAS No 26761-40-0
 - di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP), CAS No 117-84-0.

According to the EU decision, plasticized materials in toys and childcare articles containing these phthalates in concentration of greater than 0.1 % shall not be placed on the market within the EU.

Statement of compliance

Leather articles would normally comply with this EU regulation for toys, according to our present state of knowledge.

On behalf of TFL Ledertechnik GmbH we can confirm that when applied correctly TFL leather chemicals made in/or exported from Europe will enable leather to be made so that it complies with the EU decision regarding the above mentioned phthalates.

General information on hazardous and toxic substances

The Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are the official TFL documents regarding the presence of such substances and we ask customers to refer to them.

Any substances presenting a health or environmental hazard within the EU Directive 67/548/ECC have been disclosed in section 2 of the Material Safety Data Sheet.

Our recommendations are in line with our present state of knowledge. They do not, however, exempt the customer from performing his own tests to determine the suitability of the supplied products for their intended purposes. Application of the products lies outside the scope of our control and therefore comes within the customer's sphere of responsibility.

On behalf of TFL Ledertechnik GmbH

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