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AFIRM Mission

AFIRM is the Apparel and Footwear International RSL Management (AFIRM) Working Group, established in 2004.

AFIRM's mission is "to reduce the use and impact of harmful substances in the apparel and footwear supply chain."

AFIRM's purpose is to provide a forum to advance the global management of restricted substances in apparel and footwear, communicate information about chemical management to the supply chain, discuss concerns, and exchange ideas for improving chemical management.

AFIRM Vision

AFIRM continues to be a recognized global center of excellence, providing resources to enable continuous advancement of chemical management best practices.

We do this based on transparency, science, and collaboration with relevant industries and experts to build safer and more sustainable chemistry within the apparel and footwear supply chains.

It is understood that in adopting this vision, AFIRM's mission, objectives, and projects will continue to be product-focused or RSL-related.

Legal Statement

The AFIRM RSL constitutes information from AFIRM only and does not represent any individual AFIRM member. Individual brand RSLs may differ in specific parameters.

The AFIRM RSL is not intended to and does not establish any industry standard of care. The AFIRM RSL may not always provide the most appropriate approach for any individual company's chemical management program. Many brands have implementation guidelines, and suppliers must follow those guidelines where required. The AFIRM RSL does not constitute legal advice and is not a substitute for legal advice. There is no warranty, express or implied, as to the completeness or utility of the information contained in this AFIRM RSL, including, without limitation, that the information is current and error-free. AFIRM disclaims liability of any kind whatsoever resulting from any use of or reliance on the AFIRM RSL.

Policy Statement

AFIRM has created the following Restricted Substances List ("AFIRM RSL") to assist and guide supply chain participants seeking to increase product quality and safety or reduce their environmental impact by limiting the use of certain substances in apparel and footwear. AFIRM acknowledges that a brand's offerings may include closely related products utilizing the same or similar materials, such as accessories, jewelry, sporting good equipment, wearables, and home textiles. The AFIRM RSL may be applied to these additional product types, and examples are included in the scope of this document for guidance; however, the primary focus of the AFIRM RSL remains apparel and footwear. AFIRM recommends that suppliers check with their brand customers for specific requirements regarding additional product categories.



Scope of the AFIRM RSL

Per the Policy Statement on the previous page, the primary focus of the AFIRM Group and the AFIRM RSL is apparel and footwear. However, the AFIRM RSL may also be applied to accessories, jewelry, sporting good equipment, wearables, and home textiles.

- Apparel. Any garment worn on the body intended to protect, cover, or adorn.
- Footwear. Any durable covering for the feet intended to protect, cover, or comfort.
- Accessories. Any product intended to complement apparel, both carried and worn.
- Jewelry. Small decorative items worn for personal adornment such as rings, necklaces, earrings, pendants, bracelets and cufflinks. Jewelry may be attached to the body or clothing.
- Sporting Good Equipment. Any product intended for use in sport or exercise, including protective equipment.
- Wearables. Battery-powered electronic devices intended to be worn on the body during normal use. The AFIRM RSL covers components used on the external portion (i.e. skin contact) of the wearable product. Please note that certain wearable products, such as fitness trackers worn on the wrist, could also be classified as jewelry. AFIRM recommends that suppliers check with their brand customers regarding specific testing requirements for wearable components.
- Home Textiles. Any product intended for functional or decorative purposes in the home.

For guidance purposes, AFIRM provides examples of products to which the AFIRM RSL may be applied, including but not limited to those listed in Table 1, on the next page.

Additional Product-specific Regulatory Requirements

Please note that the following items have additional product-specific regulatory requirements that fall outside the scope of the AFIRM RSL. Suppliers must take additional steps to ensure products produced in their facilities comply with all such requirements—which include safety, flammability, and more.

- Toys. These products have regulatory and specific chemical requirements.
- Sunglasses and Children's Jewelry. These types of accessories have non-chemical safety requirements.
- Protective Equipment. These products have non-chemical safety and performance standards (e.g. NOCSAE).
- Food-contact Materials. These products have regulatory and specific chemical requirements.
- Electrical and Electronic Components. Components of products that do not come into contact with the skin are subject to other regulatory requirements (e.g. RoHS, EU Battery Directive).

Because AFIRM member brands may differ on the types of products classified under each of these categories, suppliers are advised to check with their customers regarding brand-specific definitions, requirements, and product applicability.



Table 1. Examples of Products within the Scope of the AFIRM RSL

Apparel	Footwear	Accessories	Equipment	Wearables	Home Textiles
 Shirts Pants/trousers Shorts Skirts Dresses Swimwear Socks Jackets Vests Sweatshirts and hoodies Sweaters Underwear Sleepwear and loungewear 	Lifestyle Athletic (e.g. running, training) Sports (e.g. basketball, soccer, football, baseball) Sandals Flip flops Boots Slippers	 Hats Headbands Scarves Handbags Backpacks Sunglasses Shoelaces Belts Hair clips Gloves (e.g. winter) Jewelry 	Shin and leg guards Gloves (e.g. baseball, football, golf) Chest protectors Balls (e.g. basketball, football, soccer) Helmets Shoulder, knee, and elbow pads Yoga mats and blocks Rackets (e.g. tennis, racquetball, badminton) Fitness equipment (e.g. treadmills) Bicycles	Fitness trackers (worn on wrist, chest, finger, ear, etc.) Heart-rate monitors Digital watches Smart watches Smart apparel and footwear Wireless headphones and earbuds	 Towels Bathrobes Bed linens (e.g. sheets, pillowcases, duvets) Blankets



Uses of the AFIRM RSL

AFIRM member brands may differ on individual parameters; suppliers are advised to check with the customer regarding brand-specific requirements. The AFIRM RSL leverages AFIRM's mission — "to reduce the use and impact of harmful substances in the apparel and footwear supply chain" — by providing a single set of information for maximum and in-depth implementation within the supply chain. Some examples of uses for the AFIRM RSL, depending on the objectives of the user, include:

- Providing a tool for vendors to establish chemical management knowledge and processes.
- Building full or base compliance with AFIRM member chemical restrictions.
- Providing a common base for testing, which may be accepted by multiple AFIRM brands. AFIRM member companies determine and communicate to their vendors their testing requirements and acceptance of test reports.

Links and References

Be proactive! These links provide additional important information regarding chemical management and should be visited on a regular basis.

AFIRM Packaging Restricted Substances List

www.afirm-group.com/packaging-restricted-substance-list

English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Spanish versions

AFIRM Chemistry Toolkit

www.afirm-group.com/toolkit

• English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Spanish versions

AFIRM Chemical Information Sheets

www.afirm-group.com/chemical-information-sheets

• English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Spanish versions

Overview of legal chemical limits and country of origin

https://www.aafaglobal.org/AAFA/Solutions_Pages/Restricted_Substance_List

Regulated fluorinated greenhouse gases; Regulation (EU) No 517/2014

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.150.01.0195.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2014:150:FULL

Regulated substances that deplete the ozone layer; EC 1005/2009

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:286:0001:0030:EN:PDF

Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) Foundation — Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (MRSL)

https://mrsl.roadmaptozero.com/



Additional Substances and Parameters to Consider

EU REACH Substances of Very High Concern

Based on scientific evidence indicating potential hazards to human health or the environment, the European Commission (EC) and European Union (EU) member states propose substances of very high concern (SVHCs) for placement on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation." Placing a substance on the Candidate List triggers specific obligations for importers, producers, and suppliers of any article that contains one or more of these substances above 0.1 percent by weight per component. The obligations include providing sufficient information to allow safe use of the article to brand and retail customers or, upon request, to a consumer within 45 days of receipt of the request.

In addition, ECHA must be notified if the substance(s) are present in article components above 0.1 percent in quantities totaling over one ton per producer or importer per year. Notification is not required if the substance has already been registered for that use or when the producer or importer of an article can exclude exposure of humans and the environment during the use and disposal of the article. In such cases, the producer or importer must supply appropriate instructions to the recipient of the article.

ECHA periodically updates the Candidate List; find the most current version at https://www.echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table.

AFIRM member brands may differ on how they address SVHCs as well as the legal obligations. AFIRM advises suppliers to consult with their customers regarding brand-specific requirements for SVHCs.

California Proposition 65 Substances

Each year, California publishes a list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Businesses that expose individuals to one or more of these chemicals must provide a clear and reasonable warning before the exposure occurs. For consumer products, this is typically through warning labels on the products or retail signage. Note that this warning is not the same as a regulatory requirement indicating that the product is "unsafe" if a specific concentration is exceeded. Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits brought by the California attorney general, district attorneys, or private parties acting in the public interest.

Additional information can be found at https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65.

AFIRM member brands may differ on how they address warning-label requirements. AFIRM advises suppliers to consult with their customers regarding brand-specific requirements for Proposition 65 substances.

Specific In-country Testing and Certification Requirements

Some countries—such as Korea, Russia, and Saudi Arabia—have specific requirements for certain products. This includes requiring that testing be performed at an approved laboratory in-country, special certification marks, and even unique testing not required by any other country. The AFIRM RSL covers these substance limit requirements, but test methods may vary, and AFIRM member brands may differ on how they address these legal obligations. AFIRM advises suppliers to consult with their customers regarding brand-specific requirements for countries which may have specific testing and/or certification requirements.

Biocides, Nanoparticles, Etc.

Some brands may have specific requirements regarding the use of substances of concern such as biocides or nanoparticles. AFIRM recommends checking with your customers regarding individual policies or requirements.

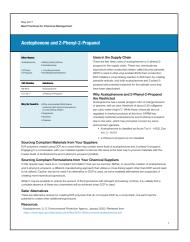
AFIRM Chemical Information Sheets

AFIRM member brands have produced a comprehensive set of educational materials advising suppliers about best practices for chemicals management. Each chemical information sheet covers a chemical or class of chemicals, giving an overview of the substance(s), where they are likely to be found in the material manufacturing process, and how to maintain compliance with the AFIRM RSL.

The sheets contain some information relevant to packaging, and future revisions will include more specific information.

The complete library of chemical information sheets is available on the AFIRM website at http://afirm-group.com/information-sheets; additionally, links to individual information sheets are embedded in the pages that follow.

→ The plus symbol next to a chemical or class of chemicals in the AFIRM RSL indicates that an information sheet is available; simply click on the chemical name, and your web browser will load a PDF of the information sheet for that substance.



Definition of Ages

Various countries define the terms "babies," "children," and "adults" differently. Based on legislation, the age ranges listed in Table 2 satisfy the most restrictive global requirements.

Table 2. Definition of Ages

	Age Range
Babies	0 to 36 months
Children	36 months to 14 years
Adults	14 years and older

Definition of "Child Care Article"

Various countries define the term "child care article" differently. The most restrictive definition (based on global chemical legislation) includes articles designed or intended by the manufacturer to facilitate sleeping, relaxation, hygiene, feeding, sucking, or teething for children three years of age or younger.



Definition of Reporting Limits

Values above which labs should report substances detected for purposes of data capture and harmonization. By reporting these values, instead of a simple PASS/FAIL, the supply chain can capture information regarding the presence of substances below the RSL limit. The reporting limits also allow data to be harmonized between various testing labs.

Reporting limits are values at or above the method Practical Quantification Limit (PQL). The PQL represents the lowest level at which accurate, precise, and robust data can be reported. AFIRM RSL reporting limits are widely achievable by laboratories across the global analytical testing industry and allow for combined (composite) testing where applicable.

Definition of Material Types

For the purpose of this RSL, AFIRM offers these definitions of material types and provides examples of materials in Table 3, on the next page.

Natural fibers. Animal or vegetable fibers (including semi-synthetics).

Blended fibers. Woven or knitted materials created by blending two or more fiber types. For the purpose of this RSL, a blended fiber consists of a natural and a synthetic fiber.

Synthetic fibers. Human-made fibers based on synthetic chemicals (often from petroleum sources) such as polymers and extruded fibers.

Artificial leather. A leather-like material composed of a textile backing and, typically, a PU or PVC coating.

Natural leather. Created by tanning animal rawhides.

Coating. A fluid, semi-fluid, or other material, with or without a suspension of finely divided coloring matter, which changes to a solid film when a thin layer is applied to a metal, wood, stone, paper, leather, cloth, plastic, or other surface.

Coatings do not include printing inks or those materials which actually become a part of the substrate, such as the pigment in a plastic article or those materials which are actually bonded to the substrate, such as by electroplating or ceramic glazing.

Printing. The process of applying color to a fabric in definite patterns or designs.

Natural materials. Material derived from animals or plants that have undergone very little modification. Includes horn, bone, cork, wood, paper, and straw. Excludes natural fibers, natural leather, feathers, down, and metals.

Crystal. In this variety of glass, also known as lead glass, lead replaces calcium content of a typical potash glass. The addition of lead oxide gives crystal a much higher index of refraction than normal glass, and consequently much greater sparkle. Crystal typically contains at least 24% lead and is therefore exempt from many regulatory requirements for jewelry. In the European Union, labeling of crystal products is regulated by Council Directive 69/493/EEC, which defines four categories based on the chemical composition and properties of the material.

Polymers and plastics. Plastics are composed of various polymers (typically from petroleum sources) usually mixed with additives including

colorants, plasticizers, stabilizers, and fillers. These additives affect the chemical composition, chemical properties, and mechanical properties of the plastic.

Natural rubber. Elastic material made from latex sap or trees that can be vulcanized.

Synthetic rubber. Material made from petroleum-based monomers with properties similar to natural rubber.

Foam. Spongy material made by trapping air bubbles in a solid. These can be open cell or closed cell.

Metals. Chemical elements that can be lustrous, ductile, malleable, and good conductors of heat and electricity. Includes metals deposited by physical vapor deposition (PVD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD), or electroplating.

Feathers and down. Includes the smaller down feathers as well as the larger contour and flight feathers. See the International Down and Feather Bureau for specific down and feather definitions.

Glue. A substance capable of holding materials together by surface attachment.



Table 3. Examples of Materials within the Scope of the AFIRM RSL

NOTE: This list provides examples of materials within each category but is not all-inclusive.

		Synthetic Fibers	Artificial Leather	Natural Leather	Coatings & Prints	Natural Materials	Other Materials	Polymers, Plastics, Foams, Natural Rubber & Synthetic Rubber	Metal	Feathers & Down	Glue
• Wool • Silk	Polyester Wool-Nylon	PolyesterAcrylicNylonPolyamide	 Polyurethane (PU) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) 	• Leather	Printing techniques such as: Heat transfers Dye sublimation printing Screen printing Direct-to-garment printing Plastisol transfers Coatings such as: Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Polyurethane (PU) UV-cured	HornBoneCorkWoodPaperStrawStone	 Glass Synthetic stone Porcelain Ceramic Crystal 	 Ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) Polystyrene (PS) Polyethylene (PE) Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) Neoprene Polypropylene (PP) Polycarbonate (PC) Polyamide (PA) Polyurethane (PU) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) Thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) Thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) Styrene ethylene butylene styrene (SEBS) 	 Stainless steel Brass Copper Gold Silver Aluminum 	FeathersDown	Hot melt adhesive Powdered adhesive Flock adhesive Contact adhesive Latex glue Polyurethane glue Neoprene cement Epoxies Silicone adhesive UV-cured adhesive



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CAS No.	Substance / Material	Modification	Page
N/A	Other Materials	 Added this new category of materials, which includes Porcelain, Synthetic Stone, Ceramic, Glass, and Crystal, to the RSL. Added a definition of Crystal to page 9 Added a new column to Table 3 on page 10 Added a new column to the Testing Matrix on pages 13 and 14, with a Level 1 (red) recommendation to test for total Cadmium and Lead. Note that Crystal is exempt for Lead. 	9, 10, 13–14
Various	Chlororganic Carriers	Changed name from "Chlororganic Carriers" to "Chlorinated Benzenes and Toluenes"	13, 20
Various	Acidic and Alkaline Substances (pH)	 Removed Level 2 (orange) testing recommendation from pH for Polymers in the Testing Matrix. Updated test method for Textiles and Artificial Leather: EN ISO 3071:2020 	13, 15
7440-50-8	Heavy Metals (Non-Jewelry) Copper	Extractable Copper is now exempt from restriction limits in Metal parts.	14, 25
Various	Heavy Metals (Non-Jewelry)	 Updated test methods for Leather: Extractable: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019 Total: DIN EN ISO 17072-2:2019 	24–26
Various	Heavy Metals (Jewelry)	Updated test method ASTM F2923 to 2020 version.	27–28
7440-43-9	Heavy Metals (Jewelry) Cadmium	Clarified that the 75 ppm limit is applicable for adults only and the 40 ppm limit is applicable for children only.	27
Various	Organotin Compounds	Added test method: EN ISO 22744-1:2020	30
Various	PFOA and its salts	 Removed area-based limit of 1µg/m² after repeal of legislation by Norway. 	31
68515-50-4	Di-hexylphthalate, branched and linear (DHxP)	Name corrected to match SVHC listing under REACH.	32
71850-09-4	Diisohexyl phthalate (DIHxP)	Added new SVHC phthalate under REACH.	32
Various	UV Absorbers / Stabilizers	Changed reporting limit to 300 ppm each.	34



AFIRM RSL Testing Matrix

In 2020, AFIRM redefined the recommended testing approach included in the RSL. In previous years, AFIRM published a Risk Matrix, which gave guidance on risks for each listed substance or class of substances in different materials.

The Testing Matrix is a more prescriptive approach to help brands and suppliers effectively manage chemical risks by adopting a common testing approach for use and acceptance across different brands. Chemicals assigned a Level 1 in materials should be viewed as the minimum amount of testing required to satisfy AFIRM member requirements, and chemicals assigned a Level 2 are recommended for additional testing and may be required at brand discretion. Regular and self-governed testing of all relevant substances by suppliers will help to ensure the widest acceptance of third-party test reports by international brands.

The Testing Matrix was developed by AFIRM brands utilizing multiple sources of information, including industry RSL testing information, a broad understanding of global supply chain operations, and from nearly two decades of managing restricted substances across a wide range of materials.

The Testing Matrix uses the following color codes:

Red = Higher risk. Testing required

	Blank = Lowest risk. Not anticipated in	material
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Suppliers must check with their brand customers to understand if they will accept test reports according to this AFIRM Testing Matrix. Individual brand testing programs, to the extent they are different, supersede the AFIRM RSLTesting Matrix unless a brand indicates otherwise.

It is a goal of the AFIRM Group to reduce the testing burden on suppliers and streamline the RSL testing approach, while further reducing risk of restricted substances in materials and products. As brands adopt the AFIRM Testing Matrix into their RSL process, suppliers and AFIRM brands will be able to share test reports and data more easily, reducing the need for multiple RSL test submissions to satisfy different RSL requirements.

NOTE:

The test methods listed in the RSL for specific materials correspond to the Testing Matrix. A blank color code for any material will not have a corresponding test method. For example, Metal has a blank color code for APEOs and therefore no test method is listed for APEOs in Metal in the RSL. If the RSL states "All Materials" or "All Materials Except," this means the test method is applicable to all materials listed with a color of 1 or 2 that do not have a specific test method listed. AFIRM recommends consulting your testing laboratory to determine the best test method for any material not currently listed in this document.

Table 4. AFIRM RSL Testing Matrix

NOTE: For Recycled materials, additional testing may be required at Level 1; check with each brand on requirements.

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Substance	Natural Fibers	Synthetic Fibers	Natural & Synthetic Blends	Artificial Leather	Natural Leather	Natural Materials	Metals	Other: Porcelain, Ceramic, Glass, Crystal, Etc.	Feathers & Down	EVA	PU Foams	All other PU & TPU	Rubber Excludes Latex and Silicon Rubbers	Polycarbonate	ABS	PVC	All Other Foams, Plastics & Polymers	Coatings & Prints	Glue
Acetophenone and 2-Phenyl-2-Propanol										2									
Acidic and Alkaline Substances (pH)	1	1	1	1	1														
Alkylphenol (AP) and Alkylphenol Ethoxylates (APEOs), including all isomers	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Azo-amines and Aryl Amine salts	1	1	1	1A	1	1A			1A									1	
Bisphenols										2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2		
Chlorinated Paraffins				2	1					2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2		
Chlorophenols	2	2	2		2														
Chlorinated Benzenes and Toluenes		2	2	2															
Dimethylfumarate (DMFu)					2														
Dyes, Forbidden and Disperse		1	1	1														2	
Dyes, Navy Blue		2	2																
Flame Retardants										2B									
Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases																			
Formaldehyde	1	1	1	2	1	1C							2					1	1

- A Level 1 for dyed/colored materials.
- **B** Level 2 if Flame Retardant use or contamination is suspected.
- C Level 1 for Wood, Paper, and Straw materials.
- **D** Level 2 for Wool materials.
- **E** Level 2 if extractrable Chrome above 1 ppm.
- **F** Copper is exempt from restriction limits in Metal parts.
- G Level 2 for plant-based fibers; N/A for animal-based fibers. K Level 2 for Styrene/Butadiene Rubbers (SBRs) only.
- H Level 1 for Cadmium and Lead only; Crystal is exempt for Lead.
- J Level 1 for PVC materials.
- L Level 1 if a Fluorinated finish is applied.
- M Level 1 if Rubber or black Polymeric materials.
- N Level 1 for PU-based materials.



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Substance	Natural Fibers	Synthetic Fibers	Natural & Synthetic Blends	Artificial Leather	Natural Leather	Natural Materials	Metals	Other: Porcelain, Ceramic, Glass, Crystal, Etc.	Feathers & Down	EVA	PU Foams	All other PU & TPU	Rubber Excludes Latex and Silicon Rubbers	Polycarbonate	ABS	PVC	All Other Foams, Plastics & Polymers	Coatings & Prints	Glue
Heavy Metals, Chromium VI	2D	2E			1														
Heavy Metals, Extractable	1	1	1	2	1		2F			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Heavy Metals, Nickel Release							1												
Heavy Metals, Total	2 G		2 G	1	2		1	1H		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Monomers, Styrene & Vinyl Chloride				1J									2K		2	1		1J	
N-Nitrosamines													2						
Organotin Compounds		2	2	1	2						1	1	1			1	1	1	1
Ortho-phenylphenol (OPP)	2	2	2	2	2													2	
Ozone-depleting Substances																			
Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs)										1L									
Pesticides, Agricultural																			
Phthalates				1						1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)				2						1M	1M	1M	1			1M	1M	1M	1M
Quinoline		2	2																
Solvents / Residuals, DMFa				1							1	1						1N	1N
Solvents / Residuals, DMAC and NMP				1							2	2					2	2	2
Solvents / Residuals, Formamide										2								2	
UV Absorbers / Stabilizers										2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)				2						2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

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- J Level 1 for PVC materials.
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- L Level 1 if a Fluorinated finish is applied.
- M Level 1 if Rubber or black Polymeric materials.
- N Level 1 for PU-based materials.

AFIRM Restricted Substances List

CAS No.	Substance			Suitable Test Method Sample Preparation & Measurement	Reporting Limit Limits above which test results should be reported	
	Acetophenone and 2-Phenyl-2-Propanol +					
98-86-2	Acetophenone	- 50 ppm each	Potential breakdown products in EVA foam when using certain cross-linking	Extraction in acetone or methanol GC/MS, sonication for 30 minutes at	25 ppm each	
617-94-7	2-Phenyl-2-Propanol	оо ррпп саоп	agents, including Dicumyl Peroxide.	60 degrees C	20 ppiii caoii	
	Acidic and Alkaline Substances					
Various	pH value	Textiles: 4.0–7.5 Leather: 3.5–7.0	pH value is a characteristic number, ranging from pH 0 to pH 14, which indirectly shows the content of acidic or alkaline substances in a product. pH values less than 7 indicate sources of acidic substances, and values greater than 7 indicate sources of alkaline substances. To avoid irritation or chemical burns to the skin, the pH value of products must be in the range of human skin—approximately pH 5.5. AFIRM recommends the limits cited to comply with all global regulations for all products.	Textiles and Artificial Leather: EN ISO 3071:2020 Leather: EN ISO 4045:2018	N/A	

CAS No.	Substance	Limits Component Materials in Finished Product	Potential Uses & Additional Information	Suitable Test Method Sample Preparation & Measurement	Reporting Limit Limits above which test results should be reported	
	Alkylphenols (APs) + Alkylphenol Ethoxylates (APEOs) + including all isomers					
Various	Nonylphenol (NP), mixed isomers	Total: 100 ppm	APEOs can be used as or found in detergents, scouring agents, spinning oils, wetting agents, softeners, emulsifying/dispersing agents for dyes and prints, impregnating agents, de-gumming for silk production, dyes and pigment preparations, polyester padding and down/feather fillings.	Textiles and Leather: EN ISO 21084:2019 Polymers and all other materials:	Total of NP & OP:	
Various	Octylphenol (OP), mixed isomers	Total Too pp.	APS are used as intermediaries in the manufacture of APEOs and antioxidants used to protect or stabilize polymers. Biodegradation of APEOs into APs is the main source of APs in the environment.	1 g sample/20 mL THF, sonication for 60 minutes at 70 degrees C, analysis according to EN ISO 21084:2019	10 ppm	
Various	Nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEOs)	Total: 100 ppm	APEOs and formulations containing APEOs are prohibited from use throughout supply chain and manufacturing processes. We acknowledge that residual or trace concentrations of APEOs may still be found at levels exceeding 100 ppm and that more time is necessary for the supply chain to phase them out completely. This limit covers EU legislation restricting NPEOs, effective	All materials except Leather: EN ISO 18254-1:2016 with determination of APEO using LC/MS or LC/MS/MS	Total of NPEO &	
Various	Octylphenol ethoxylates (OPEOs)	— тотак: тоо ppm	3 February 2021, and provides advance warning to suppliers. Note: South Korea restricts the total of NP & NPEO to < 100 ppm in textile parts of children/infant products; however, the risk of NP detection in textiles is low.	Leather: Sample prep and analysis using EN ISO 18218-1:2015 with quantification according to EN ISO 18254-1:2016	OPEO: 20 ppm	

CAS No.	Substance	Limits Component Materials in Finished Product	Potential Uses & Additional Information	Suitable Test Method Sample Preparation & Measurement	Reporting Limit Limits above which test results should be reported
	Azo-amines + and Arylamine Salts				
92-67-1	4-Aminobiphenyl				
92-87-5	Benzidine				
95-69-2	4-Chloro-o-toluidine				
91-59-8	2-Naphthylamine				
97-56-3	o-Aminoazotoluene				
99-55-8	2-Amino-4-nitrotoluene				
106-47-8	p-Chloraniline				
615-05-4	2,4-Diaminoanisole				
101-77-9	4,4'-Diaminodiphenylmethane		Azo dyes and pigments are colorants that incorporate one or several azo groups (-N=N-) bound with aromatic compounds.		
91-94-1	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine				E nom coch
119-90-4	3,3'-Dimethoxybenzidine			All materials except Leather: EN ISO 14362-1:2017 Leather: EN ISO 17234-1:2015 p-Aminoazobenzene: All materials except Leather: EN ISO 14362-3:2017	
119-93-7	3,3'-Dimethylbenzidine				
838-88-0	3,3'-dimethyl-4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane				
120-71-8	p-Cresidine	00 ppm oo ob	Thousands of azo dyes exist, but		
101-14-4	4,4'-Methylen-bis(2-chloraniline)	20 ppm each	only those which degrade to form the listed cleaved amines are restricted.		5 ppm each
101-80-4	4,4'-Oxydianiline		Azo dyes that release these amines		
139-65-1	4,4'-Thiodianiline		are regulated and should no longer be used for dyeing textiles.	Leather: EN ISO 17234-2:2011	
95-53-4	o-Toluidine		be used for dyeing textiles.		
95-80-7	2,4-Toluenediamine				
137-17-7	2,4,5-Trimethylaniline				
95-68-1	2,4 Xylidine				
87-62-7	2,6 Xylidine				
90-04-0	2-Methoxyaniline (= o-Anisidine)				
60-09-3	p-Aminoazobenzene				
3165-93-3	4-Chloro-o-toluidinium chloride				
553-00-4	2-Naphthylammoniumacetate				
39156-41-7	4-Methoxy-m-phenylene diammonium sulphate				
21436-97-5	2,4,5-Trimethylaniline hydrochloride				

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	Bisphenols +					
80-05-7	Bisphenol-A (BPA)	1 ppm	Used in the production of epoxy resins, polycarbonate plastics, flame retardants, and PVC. Restricted in items intended to come into contact with the mouth.	All materials:	1 ppm	
80-09-1	Bisphenol S (BPS)	For informational purposes only.	Applicable to items intended to come into contact with the mouth.	Extraction: 1 g sample/20 ml THF, sonication for 60 minutes at 60 degrees C, analysis with LC/MS		
620-92-8	Bisphenol F (BPF)	AFIRM recommends testing	1	BPA alternatives with known or suspected similar hazards are used		1 ppm each
1478-61-1	Bisphenol AF (BPAF)	polycarbonate materials to assess content levels.	in the production of epoxy resins, polycarbonate plastics, flame retardants, and PVC.			
	Chlorinated Paraffins +					
85535-84-8	Short-chain Chlorinated Paraffins (SCCPs) (C10-C13)	1000 ppm	May be used as softeners, flame retardants, or fat-liquoring agents in leather production; also as a plasticizer in polymer production.	All materials: Combined CADS/ISO 18219:2015 method V1:06/17 (extraction ISO	100 ppm	
85535-85-9	Medium-chain Chlorinated Paraffins (MCCPs) (C14-C17)	1000 ppm		18219 and analysis by GC/NCI/MS) For more information on the standard method, click here.	100 ppm	

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	Chlorophenols +				
15950-66-0	2,3,4-Trichlorophenol (TriCP)				
933-78-8	2,3,5-Trichlorophenol (TriCP)		Chlorophenols are polychlorinated		
933-75-5	2,3,6-Trichlorophenol (TriCP)		compounds used as preservatives or pesticides. Pentachlorophenol (PCP),		
95-95-4	2,4,5-Trichlorophenol (TriCP)			All materials: 1 M KOH extraction, 16 hours at 90	
88-06-2	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol (TriCP)	0.5	Tetrachlorophenol (TeCP), and Trichlorophenols (TriCP) are		0.5 ppm each
609-19-8	3,4,5-Trichlorophenol (TriCP)	0.5 ppm each	sometimes used to prevent mold and kill insects when growing cotton and	degrees C, derivatization and analysis § 64 LFGB B 82.02-08 or DIN EN	
4901-51-3	2,3,4,5-Tetrachlorophenol (TeCP)		when storing/transporting fabrics.	ISO 17070:2015	
58-90-2	2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol (TeCP)		PCP, TeCP, and TriCP can also be used as in-can preservatives in print		
935-95-5	2,3,5,6-Tetrachlorophenol (TeCP)		pastes and other chemical mixtures.		
87-86-5	Pentachlorophenol (PCP)				

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	Chlorinated Benzenes and Toluenes +				
95-49-8	2-Chlorotoluene				
108-41-8	3-Chlorotoluene				
106-43-4	4-Chlorotoluene				
32768-54-0	2,3-Dichlorotoluene				
95-73-8	2,4-Dichlorotoluene				
19398-61-9	2,5-Dichlorotoluene				0.2 ppm each
118-69-4	2,6-Dichlorotoluene				
95-75-0	3,4-Dichlorotoluene		Chlorobenzenes and Chlorotoluenes (Chlorinated Aromatic Hydrocarbons) can be used as carriers in the		
2077-46-5	2,3,6-Trichlorotoluene				
6639-30-1	2,4,5-Trichlorotoluene				
76057-12-0	2,3,4,5-Tetrachlorotoluene				
875-40-1	2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorotoluene			All materials: EN 17137:2018	
1006-31-1	2,3,5,6-Tetrachlorotoluene				
877-11-2	Pentachlorotoluene	Total: 1 ppm			
541-73-1	1,3-Dichlorobenzene		dyeing process of polyester or wool/ polyester fibers. They can also be		
106-46-7	1,4-Dichlorobenzene		used as solvents.		
87-61-6	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene				
120-82-1	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene				
108-70-3	1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene				
634-66-2	1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene				
634-90-2	1,2,3,5-Tetrachlorobenzene				
95-94-3	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene				
608-93-5	Pentachlorobenzene				
118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene				
5216-25-1	p-Chlorobenzotrichloride				
98-07-7	Benzotrichloride				
100-44-7	Benzyl Chloride				
95-50-1	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	10 ppm			1 ppm

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	Dimethylfumarate +				
624-49-7	Dimethylfumarate (DMFu)	0.1 ppm	DMFu is an anti-mold agent that may be used in sachets in packaging to prevent the buildup of mold, especially during shipping.	Textiles: EN 17130:2019 All other materials: CEN ISO/TS 16186:2012	0.05 ppm
	Dyes (Forbidden + and Disperse +)				
2475-45-8	C.I. Disperse Blue 1				
2475-46-9	C.I. Disperse Blue 3		Disperse dyes are a class of water- insoluble dyes that penetrate the fiber		
3179-90-6	C.I. Disperse Blue 7				
3860-63-7	C.I. Disperse Blue 26				
56524-77-7	C.I. Disperse Blue 35A				
56524-76-6	C.I. Disperse Blue 35B				
12222-97-8	C.I. Disperse Blue 102				
12223-01-7	C.I. Disperse Blue 106		system of synthetic or manufactured fibers and are held in place by		
61951-51-7	C.I. Disperse Blue 124		physical forces without forming		
23355-64-8	C.I. Disperse Brown 1	50 ppm each	chemical bonds. Disperse dyes are used in synthetic fiber (e.g., polyester,	All materials: DIN 54231:2005	15 ppm each
2581-69-3	C.I. Disperse Orange 1		acetate, polyamide).		
730-40-5	C.I. Disperse Orange 3		Restricted disperse dyes are suspected of causing allergic		
82-28-0	C.I. Disperse Orange 11		reactions and are prohibited from use for dyeing of textiles.		
12223-33-5					
13301-61-6	C.I. Disperse Orange 37/76/59				
51811-42-8					
85136-74-9	C.I. Disperse Orange 149				
2872-52-8	C.I. Disperse Red 1				
2872-48-2	C.I. Disperse Red 11				

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	Dyes, continued				
3179-89-3	C.I. Disperse Red 17				
61968-47-6	C.I. Disperse Red 151				
119-15-3	C.I. Disperse Yellow 1				
2832-40-8	C.I. Disperse Yellow 3				
6300-37-4	C.I. Disperse Yellow 7				15 ppm each
6373-73-5	C.I. Disperse Yellow 9				
6250-23-3	C.I. Disperse Yellow 23				
12236-29-2	C.I. Disperse Yellow 39		Disperse dyes are a class of water- insoluble dyes that penetrate the fiber system of synthetic or manufactured fibers and are held in place by		
54824-37-2	C.I. Disperse Yellow 49				
54077-16-6	C.I. Disperse Yellow 56				
3761-53-3	C.I. Acid Red 26			All materials: DIN 54231:2005	
569-61-9	C.I. Basic Red 9		physical forces without forming		
569-64-2		50 ppm each	doca in dyntholio libor (c.g., poryobior,		
2437-29-8	C.I. Basic Green 4		acetate, polyamide).		
10309-95-2			Restricted disperse dyes are suspected of causing allergic		
548-62-9	C.I. Basic Violet 3		reactions and are prohibited from use for dyeing of textiles.		
632-99-5	C.I. Basic Violet 14				
2580-56-5	C.I. Basic Blue 26				
1937-37-7	C.I. Direct Black 38				
2602-46-2	C.I. Direct Blue 6				
573-58-0	C.I. Direct Red 28				
16071-86-6	C.I. Direct Brown 95				
60-11-7	4-Dimethylaminoazobenzene (Solvent Yellow 2)				
6786-83-0	C.I. Solvent Blue 4				
561-41-1	4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)-4''-(methylamino)trityl alcohol				

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	Dyes, Navy Blue +				
118685-33-9	Component 1: C39H23ClCrN7O12S·2Na		Navy blue colorants are regulated and prohibited from use for dyeing		
Not allocated	Component 2: C46H30CrN10O20S2·3Na	50 ppm each	of textiles. Index 611-070-00-2	All materials: DIN 54231:2005	15 ppm each
	Flame Retardants +				
84852-53-9	Decabromodiphenyl ethane (DBDPE)		With very limited exceptions, flame- retardant substances, including	All materials: EN ISO 17881-1:2016	
32534-81-9	Pentabromodiphenyl ether (PentaBDE)				
32536-52-0	Octabromodiphenyl ether (OctaBDE)				
1163-19-5	Decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE)				
Various	All other Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)				
79-94-7	Tetrabromobisphenol A (TBBP A)		the entire class of organohalogen flame retardants, should no longer		
59536-65-1	Polybromobiphenyls (PBB)		be applied to materials during		
3194-55-6	Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)	10 ppm each	production. Listed here are examples of flame-		5 ppm each
3296-90-0	2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol (BBMP)		retardant substances used historically across the apparel and footwear		
13674-87-8	Tris(1,3-dichloro-isopropyl) phosphate (TDCPP)		industry. It is not intended to be a		
25155-23-1	Trixylyl phosphate (TXP)		complete list		
126-72-7	Tris(2,3,-dibromopropyl) phosphate (TRIS)			All materials: EN ISO 17881-2:2016	
545-55-1	Tris(1-aziridinyl)phosphine oxide) (TEPA)			All materials: EN ISO 17881-2:2016	
115-96-8	Tris(2-chloroethyl)phosphate (TCEP)				
5412-25-9	Bis(2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate (BDBPP)				

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	Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases +				
Various	See Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 for a complete list.	0.1 ppm each	Prohibited from use. May be used as foam blowing agents, solvents, fire retardants, and aerosol propellants.	Sample preparation: Purge and trap — thermal desorption or SPME Measurement: GC/MS	0.1 ppm each
	Formaldehyde +				
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	Adults and children: 75 ppm Babies: 16 ppm	Used in textiles as an anti-creasing and anti-shrinking agent. It is also often used in polymeric resins. Although very rare in Apparel and Footwear, composite wood materials (such as particle board and plywood) must comply with existing California and forthcoming U.S. formaldehyde emission requirements (40 CFR 770). Suppliers are advised to refer to brand-specific requirements for these materials.	All materials except Leather: JIS L 1041-2011 A (Japan Law 112) or EN ISO 14184-1:2011 Leather: EN ISO 17226-2:2019 with EN ISO 17226-1:2019 confirmation method in case of interferences. Alternatively, EN ISO 17226-1:2019 can be used on its own.	16 ppm
	Heavy Metals (Non-Jewelry) Extractable + and Total Content +				
7440-36-0	Antimony (Sb)	Extractable: 30 ppm	Found in or used as a catalyst in polymerization of polyester, flame retardants, fixing agents, pigments, and alloys.	All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019	Extractable: 3 ppm
7440-38-2	Arsenic (As)	Extractable: 0.2 ppm Total: 100 ppm	Arsenic and its compounds can be used in preservatives, pesticides, and defoliants for cotton, synthetic fibers, paints, inks, trims, and plastics.	Extractable: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019 Total: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-1:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-2:2019	Extractable: 0.1 ppm Total: 10 ppm

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	Heavy Metals (Non-Jewelry), continued				
7440-39-3	Barium (Ba)	Extractable: 1000 ppm	Barium and its compounds can be used in pigments for inks, plastics, and surface coatings, as well as in dyeing, mordants, filler in plastics, textile finishes, and leather tanning.	All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019	Extractable: 100 ppm
7440-43-9	Cadmium (Cd)	Extractable: 0.1 ppm Total: 40 ppm	Cadmium compounds may be used as pigments (especially in red, orange, yellow and green); as a stabilizer for PVC; and in fertilizers, biocides, and paints.	Extractable: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019 Total: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-1:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-2:2019	Extractable: 0.05 ppm Total: 5 ppm
7440-47-3	Chromium (Cr)	Extractable: Textiles: 2 ppm Leather footwear for babies: 60 ppm Coatings/paints for babies: 60 ppm	Chromium compounds can be used as dyeing additives; dye-fixing agents; color-fastness after-treatments; dyes for wool, silk, and polyamide (especially dark shades); and leather tanning.	Textiles: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: EN ISO 17072-1:2019	Extractable: 0.5 ppm
18540-29-9	Chromium VI +	Extractable: Leather: 3 ppm Textiles 1 ppm	Though typically associated with leather tanning, Chromium VI also may be used in the "after-chroming" process for wool dyeing (Chrome salts applied to acid-dyed wool to improve fastness).	Textiles: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 with EN ISO 17075-1:2017 if Cr is detected Leather: EN ISO 17075-1:2017 and EN ISO 17075-2:2017 for confirmation in case the extract causes interference. Alternatively, EN ISO 17075-2:2017 may be used on its own. Ageing test: ISO 10195:2018 Method A2 is used at brand discretion.	Extractable: Leather: 3 ppm Textiles: 0.5 ppm
7440-48-4	Cobalt (Co)	Extractable: Adults: 4 ppm Children and babies: 1 ppm	Cobalt and its compounds can be used in alloys, pigments, dyestuff, and the production of plastic buttons.	All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019	Extractable: 0.5 ppm

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7440-50-8	Copper (Cu)	Extractable: Adults: 50 ppm Children and babies: 25 ppm	Copper and its compounds can be found in alloys and pigments, and in textiles as an antimicrobial agent. Copper is exempt from restriction limits in Metal parts.	All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019	Extractable: 5 ppm
7439-92-1	Lead (Pb)	Extractable: Adults and children: 1 ppm Babies: 0.2 ppm Total: 90 ppm	May be associated with alloys, plastics, paints, inks, pigments and surface coatings. Crystal or "lead glass" is exempt from total Lead restrictions.	Extractable: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019 Total: Non-metal: CPSC-CH-E1002-08.3 Metal: CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3 Lead in paint and surface coatings: CPSC-CH-E1003-09.1	Extractable: 0.1 ppm Total: 10 ppm
7439-97-6	Mercury (Hg)	Extractable: 0.02 ppm Total: 0.5 ppm	Mercury compounds can be present in pesticides and as contaminants in caustic soda (NaOH). They may also be used in paints.	Extractable: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019 Total: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-1:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-2:2019	Extractable: 0.02 ppm Total: 0.1 ppm
7440-02-0	Nickel (Ni) +	Extractable: 1 ppm Release (metal parts): Prolonged skin contact: 0.5 µg/cm²/week Eyewear frames: 0.5 µg/cm²/week	Nickel and its compounds can be used for plating alloys and improving corrosion-resistance and hardness of alloys. They can also occur as impurities in pigments and alloys.	Extractable: All materials except Leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019 Release: EN 12472:2005+ A1:2009 and EN 1811:2011+A1:2015 Release (eyewear frames): EN 16128:2015	Extractable: 0.1 ppm Release: 0.5 µg/cm²/week
7782-49-2	Selenium (Se)	Extractable: 500 ppm	May be found in synthetic fibers, paints, inks, plastics and metal trims.	All materials except leather: DIN EN 16711-2:2016 Leather: DIN EN ISO 17072-1:2019	Extractable: 50 ppm

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	Heavy Metals (Jewelry)				
7440-36-0	Antimony (Sb)	Paints & Coatings: Extractable: 60 ppm	Antimony and its compounds can be used as a Flame Retardant in paints, as well as a colorant in pigments.	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Extractable: 5 ppm
7440-38-2	Arsenic (As)	Paints & Coatings: Extractable: 25 ppm	Arsenic and its compounds can be used in paints and inks.	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Extractable: 5 ppm
7440-39-3	Barium (Ba)	Paints & Coatings: Extractable 1000 ppm	Barium and its compounds can be used in pigments for inks	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Extractable: 100 ppm
7440-43-9	Cadmium (Cd)	Substrates, Paints & Coatings: Total: Adults: 75 ppm Children: 40 ppm	Cadmium and its compounds are used as pigments (especially in red, orange, yellow, and green). It can also be used in alloys to improve hardness or be found as a contaminant	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Total: 5 ppm
7440-47-3	Chromium (Cr)	Paints & Coatings: Extractable: 60 ppm	Chromium and its compounds can be used as pigments in paints. It can also be used as part of alloys such as stainless steel.	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Extractable: 5 ppm

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	Heavy Metals (Jewelry), continued				
7439-92-1	Lead (Pb)	Substrates, Paints & Coatings: Total: 90 ppm	Lead and its compounds may be associated with plastics, paints, inks, pigments, and surface coatings. It can also be found in metals as a contaminant. Crystal or "lead glass" is exempt from total Lead restrictions.	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Total: 10 ppm
7439-97-6	Mercury (Hg)	Paints & Coatings: Extractable: 60 ppm	Mercury and its compounds may be used in paints and can be found as a contaminant in alloys.	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Extractable: 5 ppm
7440-02-0	Nickel (Ni) +	Release (metal parts): Prolonged skin contact: 0.5 µg/cm²/week Pierced part: 0.2 µg/cm²/week	Nickel and its compounds can be used for plating alloys and improving the corrosion-resistance and hardness of alloys. They can also occur as impurities in pigments and alloys.	EN 12472:2005+A1:2009 and EN 1811:2011+A1:2015 *	Release: Prolonged skin contact: 0.5 µg/cm²/week Pierced part: 0.2 µg/cm²/week
7782-49-2	Selenium (Se)	Paints & Coatings: Extractable: 500 ppm	Selenium and its compounds may be found in paints and inks.	ASTM F2923:2020 *	Extractable: 50 ppm

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	Monomers +				
100-42-5	Styrene, Free	500 ppm	Styrene is a precursor for polymerization and may be present in various Styrene copolymers like plastic buttons. Free styrene is restricted, not total styrene. Extraction in Methanol GC/MS, sonication at 60 degrees for 60 minutes		50 ppm
75-01-4	Vinyl Chloride	Vinyl Chloride is a precursor for polymerization and may be present in various PVC materials like prints, coatings, flip flops, and synthetic leather.		EN ISO 6401:2008	1 ppm
	N-Nitrosamines →				
62-75-9	N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)				
55-18-5	N-nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA)				
621-64-7	N-nitrosodipropylamine (NDPA)			GB/T 24153-2009: determination using GC/MS, with LC/MS/MS verification if positive. Alternatively, LC/MS/MS may be performed on its own. EN ISO 19577:2019	0.5 ppm each
924-16-3	N-nitrosodibutylamine (NDBA)				
100-75-4	N-nitrosopiperidine (NPIP)	0.5 ppm each	Can be formed as by-product in the production of rubber.		
930-55-2	N-nitrosopyrrolidine (NPYR)				
59-89-2	N-nitrosomorpholine (NMOR)				
614-00-6	N-nitroso N-methyl N-phenylamine (NMPhA)				
612-64-6	N-nitroso N-ethyl N-phenylamine (NEPhA)				



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	Organotin Compounds +				
Various	Dibutyltin (DBT)		Class of chemicals combining tin		
Various	Dioctyltin (DOT)		and organics such as butyl and phenyl groups.		0.1 ppm each
Various	Monobutyltin (MBT)		Organotins are predominantly found		
Various	Tricyclohexyltin (TCyHT)	1 ppm each	in the environment as antifoulants in marine paints, but they can also be used as biocides (e.g., antibacterials), catalysts in plastic and glue production, and heat stabilizers in plastics/rubber. In textiles and apparel, organotins are associated with plastics/rubber, inks, paints, metallic glitter, polyurethane	All materials: CEN ISO/TS 16179:2012 or EN ISO 22744-1:2020	
Various	Trimethyltin (TMT)				
Various	Trioctyltin (TOT)				
Various	Tripropyltin (TPT)				
Various	Tributyltin (TBT)				
Various	Triphenyltin (TPhT)	0.5 ppm each	products and heat transfer material.		
	Ortho-phenylphenol +				
90-43-7	Ortho-phenylphenol (OPP)	1000 ppm	OPP is used for its preservative properties in leather or as a carrier in polyester dyeing processes.	All materials: 1 M KOH extraction, 16 hours at 90 degrees C, derivatization and analysis § 64 LFGB B 82.02-08 or DIN EN ISO 17070:2015	100 ppm
	Ozone-depleting Substances +				
Various	See Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 for a complete list.	5 ppm	Prohibited from use. Ozone-depleting substances have been used as a foaming agent in PU foams as well as a dry-cleaning agent.	All materials: GC/MS headspace 120 degrees C for 45 minutes	5 ppm

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	Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Chemicals (Regulated PFCs) ⊹				
Various	Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and related substances	1 μg/m² total	PFOA and PFOS may be present as unintended byproducts in long-chain and short-chain commercial water-,		1 μg/m² total
Various	Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and its salts	25 ppb total	oil-, and stain-repellent agents. PFOA may also be used in polymers like Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE). Refer to Appendix A for the full list of substances and CAS Numbers	All materials: EN ISO 23702-1	25 ppb total
Various	PFOA-related substances	1000 ppb total	included in this restriction. In addition to this list, all PFOA-related substances are prohibited from use.		1000 ppb total
	Pesticides and Herbicides, Agricultural +				
Various	See Appendix B for a complete list.	0.5 ppm each	May be found in natural fibers, primarily cotton.	All materials: ISO 15913/DIN 38407 F2 or EPA 8081/EPA 8151A or BVL L 00.00-34:2010-09	0.5 ppm each

CAS No.	Substance	Limits Component Materials in Finished Product	Potential Uses & Additional Information	Suitable Test Method Sample Preparation & Measurement	Reporting Limit Limits above which test results should be reported
	Phthalates +				
28553-12-0	Di-Iso-nonylphthalate (DINP)				
117-84-0	Di-n-octylphthalate (DNOP)				
117-81-7	Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate (DEHP)				
26761-40-0	Diisodecylphthalate (DIDP)				
85-68-7	Butylbenzylphthalate (BBP)				
84-74-2	Dibutylphthalate (DBP)		Esters of ortho-phthalic acid		
84-69-5	Diisobutylphthalate (DIBP)		(Phthalates) are a class of organic compound commonly added to	Sample preparation for all materials: CPSC-CH-C1001-09.4 Measurement: Textiles: GC/MS, EN ISO 14389:2014 (7.1 Calculation based on weight of print only; 7.2 Calculation based on weight of print and textile if print cannot be removed). All materials except textiles: GC/MS	
84-75-3	Di-n-hexylphthalate (DnHP)		plastics to increase flexibility. They are sometimes used to facilitate the		
84-66-2	Diethylphthalate (DEP)		molding of plastic by decreasing its		
131-11-3	Dimethylphthalate (DMP)		melting temperature.		
131-18-0	Di-n-pentyl phthalate (DPENP)		Phthalates can be found in:		
84-61-7	Dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP)		 Flexible plastic components (e.g., PVC) 		
71888-89-6	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-8-branched alkyl esters, C7-rich	500 ppm each	Print pastesAdhesives		50 ppm each
117-82-8	Bis(2-methoxyethyl) phthalate	Total: 1000 ppm	Plastic buttons		
605-50-5	Diisopentyl phthalate (DIPP)		Plastic sleevingsPolymeric coatings		
131-16-8	Dipropyl phthalate (DPRP)		, ,		
27554-26-3	Diisooctyl phthalate (DIOP)		Listed here are all legally restricted phthalates as well as those included		
68515-50-4	Di-hexylphthalate, branched and linear (DHxP)		on the REACH substances of very high concern (SVHC) candidate list		
71850-09-4	Diisohexyl phthalate (DIHxP)		at the time of publication. Suppliers		
68515-42-4	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C7-11-branched and linear alkyl esters (DHNUP)		should assume that the AFIRM RSL includes all phthalates on the SVHC list—whether itemized here or not—		
84777-06-0	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid Dipentyl ester, branched and linear	since the list is updated fre	since the list is updated frequently.		
68648-93-1 68515-51-5	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters or mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl diesters with ≥ 0.3% of dihexyl phthalate; 1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl diesters; 1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters				
776297-69-9	n-Pentyl-isopentylphthalate (nPIPP)	-			

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	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) +					
83-32-9	Acenaphtene					
208-96-8	Acenaphthylene			PAHs are natural components of		
120-12-7	Anthracene			crude oil and are common residues from oil refining. PAHs have a		
191-24-2	Benzo(g,h,i)perylene			characteristic smell similar to that		
86-73-7	Fluorene	No individual		of car tires or asphalt. Oil residues containing PAHs are added to rubber		
206-44-0	Fluoranthene	restriction	and plastics as a softener or extender and may be found in rubber, plastics,			
193-39-5	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene			lacquers and coatings. PAHs are often found in the outsoles of		0.2 ppm each
91-20-3	Naphthalene**			footwear and in printing pastes for screen prints. PAHs can be present as impurities in Carbon Black. They		
85-01-8	Phenanthrene		Total: 10 ppm		All materials: AFPS GS 2019	
129-00-0	Pyrene				Thirmacondo. Third Go 2010	
56-55-3	Benzo(a)anthracene					
50-32-8	Benzo(a)pyrene					
205-99-2	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1 ppm each				
192-97-2	Benzo[e]pyrene	Child care				
205-82-3	Benzo[j]fluoranthene	articles: 0.5 ppm				
207-08-9	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	each		Formaldehyde condensation		
218-01-9	Chrysene			products).		
53-70-3	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene					
	Quinoline +					
91-22-5	Quinoline	50 ppm		Found as an impurity in polyester and some dyestuffs. Quinoline can be included with disperse dye testing, as the same method is used for both.	All materials: DIN 54231:2005 with methanol extraction at 70 degrees C	10 ppm



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	Solvents and Residuals +				
68-12-2	Dimethylformamide (DMFa)	500 ppm	Solvent used in plastics, rubber, and polyurethane (PU) coating. Waterbased PU does not contain DMFa and is therefore preferable.		50 ppm each
75-12-7	Formamide		Byproduct in the production of EVA foams.		
127-19-5	Dimethylacetamide (DMAC)	1000 ppm each	Solvent used in the production of elastane fibers and sometimes as substitute for DMFa.	Textiles: EN 17131:2019 All other materials: DIN CEN ISO/TS 16189:2013	
872-50-4	N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)		Industrial solvent used in production of water-based Polyurethanes and other polymeric materials. May also be used as a surface treatment for textiles, resins, and metal-coated plastics, or as a paint stripper.		
	UV Absorbers / Stabilizers +				
3846-71-7	UV 320			DIN EN 62321-6:2016-05 (Extraction in THF, analysis by GC/MS)	300 ppm each
3864-99-1	UV 327	1000	PU foam materials such as open cell foams for padding. Used as		
25973-55-1	UV 328	1000 ppm each	UV-absorbers for plastics (PVC, PET, PC, PA, ABS, and other polymers), rubber, polyurethane.		
36437-37-3	UV 350				
2440-22-4	Drometrizole	For informational purposes only. AFIRM recommends testing to assess content levels.	Used as UV Absorbers for Plastics (PVC, PET, PC, PA, ABS, and other Polymers), Rubber, and Polyurethane.		

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	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) +				
71-43-2	Benzene	5 ppm			
75-15-0	Carbon Disulfide				
56-23-5	Carbon Tetrachloride				Benzene: 5 ppm Other: 20 ppm each
67-66-3	Chloroform			For general VOC screening: GC/MS headspace 45 minutes at 120 degrees C	
108-94-1	Cyclohexanone		These VOCs should not be used in textile auxiliary chemical preparations. They are associated with solvent-based processes such as solvent-based polyurethane coatings and glues/adhesives.		
107-06-2	1,2-Dichloroethane				
75-35-4	1,1-Dichloroethylene				
100-41-4	Ethylbenzene				
76-01-7	Pentachloroethane				
630-20-6	1,1,1,2- Tetrachloroethane				
79-34-5	1,1,2,2- Tetrachloroethane	Total: 1000 ppm			
127-18-4	Tetrachloroethylene (PERC)		They should not be used for any kind		
108-88-3	Toluene		of facility cleaning or spot cleaning.		
71-55-6	1,1,1- Trichloroethane				
79-00-5	1,1,2- Trichloroethane				
79-01-6	Trichloroethylene				
1330-20-7					
108-38-3	Vulance (meta_outhe_ners.)				
95-47-6	Xylenes (meta-, ortho-, para-)				
106-42-3					



Appendix A. Perfluorinated and Polyfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs)

CAS No.	PFC Name	CAS No.	PFC Name
	PFOS and Related Substances		PFOA and Its Salts
1763-23-1	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	335-67-1	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
2795-39-3	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, potassium salt (PFOS-K)	335-95-5	Sodium perfluorooctanoate (PFOA-Na)
29457-72-5	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, lithium salt (PFOS-Li)	2395-00-8	Potassium perfluorooctanoate (PFOA-K)
29081-56-9	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, ammonium salt (PFOS-NH ₄)	335-93-3	Silver perfluorooctanoate (PFOA-Ag)
70225-14-8	Perfluorooctane sulfonate diethanolamine salt (PFOS-NH(OH) ₂)	335-66-0	Perfluorooctanoyl fluoride (PFOA-F)
56773-42-3	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, tetraethylammonium salt (PFOS-N(C_2H_5) ₄)	3825-26-1	Ammonium pentadecafluorooctanoate (APFO)
4151-50-2	N-Ethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamide (N-Et-FOSA)		DECA valated Cubatanasa
31506-32-8	N-Methylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamide (N-Me-FOSA)		PFOA-related Substances
1691-99-2	2-(N-Ethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamido)-ethanol (N-Et-FOSE)	39108-34-4	1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorodecanesulfonic acid (8:2 FTS)
24448-09-7	2-(N-Methylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamido)-ethanol (N-Me-FOSE)	376-27-2	Methyl perfluorooctanoate (Me-PFOA)
307-35-7	Perfluoro-1-octanesulfonyl fluoride (POSF)	3108-24-5	Ethyl perfluorooctanoate (Et-PFOA)
754-91-6	Perfluorooctane sulfonamide (PFOSA)	678-39-7	2-Perfluorooctylethanol (8:2 FTOH)
		27905-45-9	1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorodecyl acrylate (8:2 FTA)
		1996-88-9	1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorodecyl methacrylate (8:2 FTMA)



Appendix B. Pesticides and Herbicides, Agricultural

CAS No.	Pesticide Name	CAS No.	Pesticide Name	CAS No.	Pesticide Name
00.70.1	2-(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy) propionic acid, its	333-41-5	Diazinone	118-74-1	Hexachlorobenzene
93-72-1	salts and compounds; 2,4,5-TP	1085-98-9	Dichlofluanide	465-73-6	Isodrine
93-76-5	2,4,5-T	120-36-5	Dichloroprop	4234-79-1	Kelevane
94-75-7	2,4-D	115-32-2	Dicofol	143-50-0	Kepone
309-00-2	Aldrine	141-66-2	Dicrotophos	58-89-9	Lindane
86-50-0	Azinophosmethyl	60-57-1	Dieldrine	121-75-5	Malathione
2642-71-9	Azinophosethyl	60-51-5	Dimethoate	94-74-6	MCPA
4824-78-6	Bromophos-ethyl	88-85-7	Dinoseb, its salts and acetate	94-81-5	MCPB
2425-06-1	Captafol	00.405.00.0	DTTB (4, 6-Dichloro-7 (2,4,5-trichloro-	93-65-2	Mecoprop
63-25-2	Carbaryl	63405-99-2	phenoxy) -2-Trifluoro methyl benz imidazole)	10265-92-6	Metamidophos
510-15-6	Chlorbenzilat	115-29-7	Endosulfan	72-43-5	Methoxychlor
57-74-9	Chlordane	959-98-8	Endosulfan I (alpha)	2385-85-5	Mirex
6164-98-3	Chlordimeform	33213-65-9	Endosulfan II (beta)	6923-22-4	Monocrotophos
470-90-6	Chlorfenvinphos	72-20-8	Endrine	298-00-0	Parathion-methyl
1897-45-6	Chlorthalonil	66230-04-4	Esfenvalerate	1825-21-4	Pentachloroanisole
56-72-4	Coumaphos	106-93-4	Ethylendibromid	7786-34-7	Phosdrin/Mevinphos
68359-37-5	Cyfluthrin	56-38-2	Ethylparathione; Parathion	72-56-0	Perthane
91465-08-6	Cyhalothrin	51630-58-1	Fenvalerate	31218-83-4	Propethamphos
52315-07-8	Cypermethrin	,, .	Halogenated naphthalenes, including	41198-08-7	Profenophos
78-48-8	S,S,S-Tributyl phosphorotrithioate (Tribufos)	Various	polychlorinated naphthalenes (PCNs)	13593-03-8	Quinalphos
52918-63-5	Deltamethrin	76-44-8	Heptachlor	82-68-8	Quintozene
53-19-0		1024-57-3	Heptachloroepoxide	8001-50-1	Strobane
72-54-8	DDD	319-84-6	a-Hexachlorocyclohexane with & without Lindane	297-78-9	Telodrine
3424-82-6	DDE	010.05.7	b Howashlova o clobovara with 2 without 1 to 1	8001-35-2	Toxaphene
72-55-9	DDE	319-85-7	b-Hexachlorocyclohexane with & without Lindane	731-27-1	Tolylfluanide
50-29-3	DDT	210.00.0	a Howahlova a clabouare with 2 without 1 to the	1500 00 0	Triffuration
789-02-6	DDT	319-86-8	g-Hexachlorocyclohexane with & without Lindane	1582-09-8	Trifluraline



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