

## **CPSC Appoints Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) on Phthalates**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission approved the appointment of seven independent scientists to serve on a Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) to assess the potential health risks from exposure to phthalates and phthalate substitutes.

Under Section 108 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA, Public Law 110-314), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission must appoint a CHAP to examine the potential effects on children's health of phthalates and phthalate alternatives as used in children's toys and child care articles. According to the requirements for establishing a CHAP in Section 28 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Commission must appoint seven CHAP members from a list of scientists nominated by the President of the National Academy of Sciences. The nominees cannot be officers or employees of the United States (other than employees of the National Institutes of Health, the National Toxicology Program, or the National Center for Toxicological Research) and cannot receive compensation from or have any substantial financial interest in any manufacturer, distributor, or retailer of a consumer product.

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