
U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION



Office of Compliance

Bans* of BUTYL NITRITE and VOLATILE ALKYL NITRITE

15 U.S.C. Sections 2057a and 2057b

What is the purpose of the bans on butyl nitrite and other volatile alkyl nitrites?

These statutes protect consumers from the hazards that inhaling the products may cause.

Where can I find the bans on butyl nitrite and volatile alkyl nitrites?

The bans are contained in section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2057a and b. They are not in the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.). You can get a copy of the bans from the Commission's Web Site at: <http://www.cpsc.gov>. Click the "Business" icon, then "Regulations ... for Manufacturers...", then "Regulations ... by Statute", then "Consumer Product Safety Act". Click on the CPSA icon and go to section 8 of the Act.

What chemicals are subject to the bans?

The bans cover products containing n-butyl nitrite, isobutyl nitrite, secondary butyl nitrite, tertiary butyl nitrite, mixtures containing those chemicals, and volatile alkyl nitrite, including isopropyl nitrite.

Are any products exempt from the bans?

Yes. The purpose of the bans is to prevent the manufacture and sale of products that may be inhaled or introduced into the human body to produce euphoric or physical effects. Products that contain any of the nitrites listed above are not banned if the products are produced for any other commercial purpose or for any purpose approved under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Where can I find additional information?

For more information on the bans, contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone (301) 504-7913, <mailto:sect15@cpsc.gov>.



* This document is a simple unofficial description of the ban on products that contain certain nitrites and does not replace or supersede any requirements published in 15 U.S.C. 2057a and b.