

# Greening of Consumer Products

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## **Children's product makers get extension on lead testing law**

*The Associated Press - Feb 2*

The Consumer Product Safety Commission voted last week to give U.S. toy makers and producers of children's products an extra year to meet lead- and chemical-testing requirements before their products can go on the market. The measure was set to go into effect Feb. 10, and while the delay gives the commission more time to set guidelines for testing products and gives businesses relief from paying for the testing, retailers say it doesn't help them in determining which products will meet federal lead standards.

## **Judge tells CPSC to remove loophole in law banning toxic toys**

*LA Times - Feb 5*

A New York judge has ruled that the Consumer Product Safety Commission must remove a loophole from a ban on products with phthalates or other chemicals that will take effect next week. The measure would have allowed toys made before the ban takes effect to remain on store shelves. Manufacturers have said that without the loophole, they would have to pull hundreds of millions of dollars worth of products.

## **BPA bans back on the legislative agenda**

*Plastics News - Feb 5*

Lawmakers in the states of Washington, Connecticut and Minnesota and in Suffolk, N.Y., have introduced legislation that would ban the use of bisphenol A in baby bottles and other products intended for children age 3 and younger. Similar legislative initiatives in more than a dozen states, and at the federal level, were unsuccessful in 2008. However, in October, Health Canada said it would draft regulations to ban the import and sales of baby bottles containing BPA.

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