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New California bill aims to boost incentives for responsible packaging

Packaging Digest - March 2

The California Product Stewardship Act would give incentive to producers to design products and packaging that are less toxic, more durable, reusable, recyclable and/or biodegradable. The bill was introduced by an Assembly member, and aims to reduce waste, litter, and greenhouse gases and create numerous green jobs.

EPA to regulate nanotube production

EE Times - Feb 25

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin enforcing new rules regulating companies using carbon nanotubes. Manufacturers will be required to file pre-manufacturing notices to be used to evaluate the health and safety measures necessary to protect workers and consumers from possible [health hazards](#) associated with nanotubes. The [Toxic Substances Control Act](#) specifically cited the requirement for pre-manufacturing notices regarding carbon nanotubes in October 2008, but EPA won't starting [enforcing the new rule](#) until March 1.

Lead-testing guidelines have retailers scrambling

Augusta Chronicle - March 2

Retailers, importers and manufacturers around the country are working to meet new guidelines for testing all toys and children's products for levels of lead and phthalates. While the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says the rules should give consumers confidence that products will be safer, some say the law isn't clear and there are not adequate numbers of testing labs to handle the increased demand.

Groups push for U.S. toxics law reform

GreenBiz.com - March 2

Health and environmental organizations and the chemical industry agreed before Congress that the U.S.'s current law overseeing toxic chemicals is doing a poor job and needs to be updated. The Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee held the first of several hearings on the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

Washington lawmakers move forward with BPA ban

Seattle Times - Feb 25

A House appropriations committee in Washington state has approved a bill banning bisphenol A from baby bottles and other children's products, sending the bill on its way for a vote in the full House. A similar measure is waiting on a vote in the Senate.

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Companies must beware of green packaging traps

CosmeticsDesigh-Europe.com - Feb 27

A research group says manufacturers should be wary of the environmental credentials of green packaging material avoid using them just for marketing benefits. The director for the Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment (INCPEN) says, any new developments in packaging should be chosen for potential environmental benefits instead of a 'green' tag. Various manufacturers & material suppliers have been playing up green commitments in recent years, including in the area of packaging.

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