

# Product Safety and Regulatory Notice

Certain Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs) Banned

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## BANNED! Certain Chemical Flame Retardants Banned

Pentabrominated diphenyl ether (pentaBDE); Octabrominated diphenyl ether (octaBDE);  
Decabrominated diphenyl ether (decaBDE)

### ATTENTION:

- Merchants and Suppliers of hardware, infant/toddler, electronics, cameras, toys, pet toys and pet supplies, sporting goods, cosmetics and skincare products, electrical appliances, furniture, luggage, outdoor living, home furnishings, impulse merchandise, wireless products, curtains and drapes, and bedding for Walmart, Walmart.com, Sam's Club and Samsclub.com
- Global Sourcing

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### ACTION NEEDED:

**Merchants and Global Sourcing** – Please forward this notice to any suppliers of the applicable products. In addition, you will need to review this notice and ensure that all requirements are met for all new and replenishable inventories of the applicable products.

**Suppliers** – Review this notice and ensure that all requirements are met for all new and replenishable inventories of the applicable products.

### BACKGROUND:

All consumer products must comply with applicable federal, state, and industry fire safety regulations of the specific product. Several states (including California, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington) have established restrictions on the use of specific chemical flame retardants (polybrominated diphenyl ethers or PBDEs) in all consumer products, and many other states have introduced similar legislation.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Beginning **June 1, 2011**, Walmart will enhance its testing of the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers in all consumer products.

### ALTERNATIVE SUBSTANCES:

Halogenated flame retardants, other than the above-mentioned PBDEs, are involved in legislative debate and suppliers should evaluate alternatives for halogenated flame retardants (other than PBDEs, which are already prohibited). Halogenated flame retardants, other than the above-specified PBDEs, are not currently banned from use, and this Notice will be updated if the status changes in the future.



## **PRODUCT TESTING REQUIREMENT:**

Testing should be performed to verify that Pentabrominated diphenyl ether (pentaBDE), Octabrominated diphenyl ether (octaBDE), and Decabrominated diphenyl ether (decaBDE) are not detected in consumer products.

## **AUTHORITY:**

Various federal, state, and industry fire safety regulations.

## **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:**

Suppliers may submit questions or comments by emailing them to [gmcomply@wal-mart.com](mailto:gmcomply@wal-mart.com).

