



GE Home and Business Solutions -
Appliances

Appliance Park,
Louisville, KY 40225

April 10, 2012

Dear Supplier:

Re: GE Appliances – Phthalate Plasticizer Prohibition

Effective July 1, 2012, GE Appliances is prohibiting the use of the following phthalate plasticizers at levels above 1000 ppm in all new parts and assemblies used in GE manufactured and/or sourced finished goods. The 1000 ppm threshold applies to each homogenous material within a part or assembly.

DOP/DEHP – Dioctyl phthalate/Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (CAS 117-81-7)

DBP – Dibutyl phthalate (CAS 84-74-2)

BBP – Benzyl butyl phthalate (CAS 85-68-7)

These plasticizers are commonly but not exclusively used in PVC, rubber products, printing inks, and adhesives. There is a variety of suitable replacements commercially available for these plasticizers. GE can assist in identifying said replacements as needed.

This prohibition of phthalates precedes a broader prohibition on all existing parts, assemblies and sourced finished goods supplied to GE Appliances, which will be in effect by 2015.

Compliance with this phthalate prohibition is mandatory for all suppliers to GE. GE will continue to collaborate with suppliers who support GE's efforts in making its products compliant with all applicable laws, standards, and GE requirements. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our Regulatory Compliance Manager, John Brumleve at (502) 452-7504 or at john.brumleve@ge.com.

Sincerely,

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