

IKEA FACTS

CHEMICALS & SUBSTANCES

We know that many people worry about chemicals and substances that are invisible to the eye, but still hugely important. IKEA wants all customers to know that IKEA products are safe and that they do not pose any threat to their health. The following examples show some of the actions we have taken to safeguard the health and safety of both our customers and our suppliers. As well as the environment.

- All IKEA customers have the right to healthy products. That is why all our product types are tested to and must comply with strict legal requirements.
- IKEA has comprehensive systems in place to avoid introducing new chemicals without ensuring that they are safe.
- BPA (Bisphenol A) was removed from all children's products (0-7 years) already in 2006 and the removal of BPA in food contact products was accomplished in 2012.
- The use of BPA in cash line receipts was banned in 2011.
- All brominated flame retardants were phased out of IKEA furniture production already in 2000.
- We never add any chemical flame retardants to our products if not required to do so by national legislation. To avoid adding chemical flame retardants, we strive to use materials with inherent flame retardant properties instead, such as natural wool.
- After banning brominated flame retardants in IKEA furniture in 2000, we started using less harmful alternatives and are now proud to have developed a new and inert fire barrier.
- IKEA phased out PVC from most products already in 1995. Today, PVC is only found in a few electrical products.

- We have removed any phthalates from the production of all IKEA children's and food contact products.
- In 1992, IKEA decided to substantially reduce the formaldehyde content and formaldehyde emissions from our products. Continuous production controls are in place to ensure low formaldehyde levels.
- Heavy metals are never added to IKEA products.
- IKEA banned the use of fluorinated (water-repellant) chemicals in shower curtains, umbrellas and ponchos in 2014.
- All leather in IKEA products is produced without chrome by the end of 2015.
- Since many years, IKEA has banned the use of so-called CMR-substances, i.e. may cause cancer, mutation or are toxic to reproduction.
- We have a general ban on lead, cadmium and mercury content in IKEA products –and a very strict limit level for possible contamination.
- IKEA were pleased to implement the legal ban on the use of azodyes in textiles and leather in 1996.
- IKEA cares about the long term health of its customers and workers in production. That is why dyestuffs classified as allergenic or carcinogenic are banned from use.
- Chemicals such as APEOs and chlorine bleaching agents are banned from use in production, since they can have a negative impact on the environment.
- We care about the long term health of textile production workers. Therefore, chemicals which can be damaging to the health of the workers, e.g. certain organic solvents, are banned from use.
- There are hundreds of environmental certificates in the world. We have chosen not to use them. Instead, our customers can rely on the IKEA logo - it represents our full responsibility for safe, healthy and legally compliant products, produced with as little impact on the environment as possible.