

Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse

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Purchasing Specification

Procurement Standard

All packages, packaging components, and raw materials purchased or distributed by Skolnik Industries, Inc. must be demonstrated as being in full compliance with all requirements of the Model Toxics in Packaging Legislation for the state of Illinois. Nineteen U.S. states have passed legislation restricting the use of four metals in packaging and packaging components sold or distributed in the state. A Certificate of Compliance will be required of every supplier for each such item purchased, distributed or sold by Skolnik Industries, Inc.

Requirements:

- 1) Toxics in Packaging legislation prohibits the sale or distribution of any package, packaging component, or packaged retail-ready product to which any mercury, cadmium, lead, or hexavalent chromium has been **intentionally introduced**. (Packaging component includes coatings, inks, glues, labels, etc.)
- 2) The law further requires that the sum of the total of the **incidental presence** of mercury, cadmium, lead, or hexavalent chromium be under 100 parts per million for any package, packaging component, or packaged retail-ready product offered for distribution or sale. Incidental presence is defined as the presence of one or more of these regulated metals as an unintended or undesired component of a package or packaging component. A limited number of specific exemptions are available related to the use of recycled materials, federal health and safety requirements, glass packaging, and other very limited situations. For details, visit <http://www.toxicsinpackaging.org/exemptions.htm>.

Certification:

As a condition of doing business with Skolnik Industries, Inc. the supplier shall provide a Certificate of Compliance which covers each type of package, packaging component, or packaged retail-ready product supplied, distributed, or sold under this specification.