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# GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND DISINFECTANTS ACT, 1972

(ACT NO. 54 OF 1972)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE MANUFACTURING, IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND SALE OF POLYCARBONATE INFANT FEEDING BOTTLES CONTAINING BISPHENOL A

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 15 (1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), made the regulations in the Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE

##### 1. Definitions

In these regulations-

**“Bisphenol A”** means an industrial chemical that is mainly used in combination with other chemicals to manufacture plastics and resins such as polycarbonate, a type of transparent, rigid plastic, used for, among others, the manufacturing of infant feeding (baby) bottles, and which is also referred to as *2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane*.

**“the Act”** means the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates-

## **2. Prohibition**

The manufacture, importation, exportation and sale of polycarbonate infant feeding bottles containing Bisphenol A is hereby in terms of section 2(1)(a)(iv) of the Act, prohibited.

## **3. Commencement**

These regulations shall come into operation on the date of the publication of the final regulations.

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MINISTER OF HEALTH**