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241. Ordinance: Azo Dyestuff Ordinance

**241. Ordinance from the Federal Minister of Women's Affairs, and Consumer Protection concerning the ban on the use of certain azo dyestuffs and azo pigments in consumer articles (Azo Dyestuff Ordinance)**

On the basis of § 29 letter a of the Food Law of 1975, Federal Gazette No. 86, last amended by Federal Gazette I No. 63/1998, the following Ordinance is hereby proclaimed:

§ 1. This Ordinance refers to azo dyestuffs and azo pigments from which the aryl amines listed in the appendix can be released and which are used in

1. Clothing

2. Other consumer articles

- a) pursuant to § 6 letter d of the Food Law of 1975, made of textile material or leather which are not only in contact with the human body temporarily and
- b) pursuant to § 6 letter d of the Food Law of 1975, made of textile material or leather which are known hereinafter as consumer articles.

§ 2. (1) It is banned to bring consumer articles into circulation in whose manufacture azo dyestuffs or azo pigments pursuant to § 1 are used.

(2) The use of the banned azo dyestuffs and azo pigments set out in Paragraph 1 applies if a content of more than 30 mg of one of the aryl amines listed in the appendix per kg of the tested article can be detected. The detection method for consumer articles made of textile material is method B 82.02-2, for consumer articles made of leather, method B 82.02-3 and for consumer articles made of polyester fibres, method B 82.02-4 of the Official Collection of Testing Methods pursuant to § 35 of the German Food and Consumer Article Law.

§ 3. (1) Consumer articles which have been treated with azo dyestuffs or azo pigments and which do not comply with the requirements of § 2 must not be manufactured or imported after 31 December 1998 and must not be brought into circulation after 31 December 1999.

(2) Old products (used goods) which have been treated with azo dyestuffs or azo pigments and which do not comply with the requirements of § 2 may be left in circulation beyond 31 December 1999.

§ 4. This Ordinance has been notified in compliance with the regulations of Directive 83/189/EEC issued by the Council on 28 March 1983 concerning an information procedure in the field of standards and technical regulations in the version of Directive 88/182/EEC of the European Commission (notification number 97/771/A).

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