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## **Law suit launched to make product makers reveal chemical ingredients**

*Los Angeles Times - Feb 18*

The makers of Tide, Ajax and other common household cleansers are being asked to disclose their ingredients. Environmental and health activists announced plans for a lawsuit to make Procter & Gamble Co., Colgate-Palmolive Co. and 2 other firms reveal the chemical ingredients of their cleaning products and research on the products' effects.

## **'Kid-Safe Chemicals Act' pushed by lawmakers**

*Injury Board - Feb 22*

A group of lawmakers has introduced the [Kid-Safe Chemicals Act](#). It is hoped it will update the Toxic Substances Control Act, passed in 1976. A key provision of the bill would place the burden of proof on chemical companies to ensure that chemicals are safe before making their way to consumers.

## **Phthalates are now banned; Questions about replacement chemicals**

*ABC 7 - Feb 16*

A ban recently took effect that targets 6 phthalates in products made for children. 3 are permanently forbidden. 3 are subject to later study. The chemicals have been linked to hormone malfunctions and reproductive effects. The phthalate ban, which followed a previous ban applicable just in California, only applies to goods manufactured for use by children, which is less than 5% of the reportedly \$1.4 B U.S. business. This [notice](#) from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission seems to acknowledge worries about implementation and enforcement of the rule. But equally troubling is what substances are replacing phthalates now they are outlawed.

## **Replacement chemicals for phthalates also may raise concern**

*Eco Child's Play - Feb 20*

According to Eco Child's Play, in response to how companies are replacing phthalates, which have been banned from children's products, companies Learning Curve and Mattel told National Public Radio that they are using citrate-based plasticizers and a new chemical called DINCH. DINCH also could be a problem, however, and Europe has already set limits on how much could be used in plastic products.

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