

Fact Sheet - Public Act 15-5 Sec. 50 (Microbead Ban)

OVERVIEW

Public Act 15-5 was signed by Governor Malloy on June 30, 2015. Section 50 of Public Act 15-5 specifically deals with banning the use, sale, import or manufacture of synthetic microbeads for personal care products in the State of Connecticut.

KEY POINTS

- This statute deals with personal care products intended for use for cleansing, beautifying and promoting the attractiveness or altering the appearance of the human body.
- Any product that requires a prescription for distribution or dispensation is not covered by this statute.
- Over-the-counter drug is defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 21 CFR 201.66.
- The ban on microbeads deals with intentionally added particles that measure five millimeters or smaller that wash down a drain as part of their use.
- The ban goes into effect in stages over a period of three years from 2017- 2019.
- A study of biodegradable microbeads will be conducted as part of the review of microbeads and their impacts to the environment and wastewater treatment plants.
- Persons or companies that violate the provisions of the Statute shall be fined not more than \$5000 for a first violation and not more than \$10000 for each subsequent violation

Statute Provision	Date
CT DEEP will accept applications to review a personal care product and any biodegradable microbeads. Studies will be conducted by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE).	8/15/2016
A ban goes into effect on the manufacture for sale of any personal care product, except over the counter drugs, that contain any intentionally added microbead.	12/31/2017
CT DEEP submits a final study report from CASE to the CT General Assembly Environment Committee.	2/01/2018
If no study is completed by CASE to CT DEEP, any personal care product that contains an intentionally added biodegradable microbead shall be banned from sale, import, or manufacture.	7/01/2018
The ban extends to importing or sale of personal care products, except for over-the-counter drugs that contain any intentionally added microbead.	12/31/2018
The ban extends to cover the manufacture of over-the-counter drugs that contain intentionally added microbeads.	12/31/2018
The final stage of the ban extends to cover the import or sale of any over-the-counter drug that contains intentionally added microbeads.	12/31/2019