

Table 10: Common Mercury Product Regulations in the Great Lakes States

| | ILLINOIS | INDIANA | MICHIGAN | MINNESOTA | NEW YORK | OHIO | PENN. | WISCONSIN |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|------|-------|----------------|
| Batteries* | TF | | SC,R,DR,D | CR,SB,SC,D,R, L | CR,SB^,SC,P | | | CR,SB^,D,R,SC* |
| Packaging** | CR,SB | | | CR,SB | CR,SB,L | | P | CR,SB |
| Toys, Clothes, Footwear | | | P | SB, SC | | | | SB |
| Electric Lamps*** | | | | D, SC, L | CR* | | | |
| Thermostats | | | | D, R, SC*, L | | | | |
| White Goods | D,SC,R | | | D, R, L, SC | | | | |
| Thermometers | | | | L, R | | | | |
| Dental Supplies | | | | D, R, L | | | | |

FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

* Batteries: Bills introduced recently to the U.S. House and Senate are designed to phase out mercury in batteries by imposing limitations on the sale of (1) alkaline- manganese and zinc carbon batteries containing mercury; and (2) mercury button cell and other mercuric-oxide batteries. (S.1949, Lautenberg (D-NJ), "Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act", passed the Senate on 5/25/94; HB 4528, Richardson (D-NM) contains same language.) Mercury battery provisions of HB4528 were added to HB4882 (Lead Exposure Reduction Act of 1994; Swift, 8/11/94) and will be considered by Congressman Dingell's (MI) Energy and Commerce Committee after Labor Day.

** Packaging: A bill introduced into the U.S. Senate would prohibit intentionally introduced mercury in packaging. (S.966, Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced May 13, 1993. "Reduction of Metals in Packaging Act")

*** Electric lamps: EPA is considering two options to modify RCRA disposal restrictions for mercury-containing lamps: (1) inclusion in universal waste rule; and (2) conditional exemption.

Key

CR = content restriction - *design restriction
 D = disposal restrictions
 DR = deposit refund
 L = labeling
 P = pending legislation (see table 9 for details)
 R = Hg recycled before product disposal
 SB = sale banned-*distribution restricted
 ^= sales banned unless content restriction met
 SC = special collection program -*public education
 TF = task force