

Heavy Metals Testing and Disclosure Requirements for Baby Food: Virginia and Illinois Laws Now in Effect

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Virginia and Illinois have become the third and fourth states to enact laws requiring manufacturers of baby food to test products for heavy metals (lead, cadmium, arsenic, and mercury) and make the results publicly available. These laws, which took effect at the start of 2026, are like requirements already in place in California and Maryland. Manufacturers and brand owners selling baby food in any of these four states should carefully review their testing, labeling, and disclosure practices to ensure compliance with applicable state law.

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