

California Law Requires Heavy Metals Testing and Disclosure for Baby Foods

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- In October 2023, Governor Newsom signed into law [California's AB 899](#), which requires that any baby food products sold or made in the state be tested for arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury. This testing requirement became effective January 1, 2024. Beginning January 1, 2025, the law also requires test results to be posted on the manufacturer's website.
- Manufacturers of baby food (not including infant formula) for sale or distribution in California must test a representative sample of each production aggregate of the final baby food product at least once a month. Test results must be provided to the California Department of Public Health upon request.
- Starting January 1, 2025, manufacturers must make publicly available on the manufacturer's website, for the duration of the product shelf life for a final baby food product plus one month, the name and level of each toxic element present in each production aggregate of a final baby food product. Baby foods that contain a toxic element at levels higher than the FDA action level can still be sold in the state, but the QR code disclosure is required.

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