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Washington State Introduces Revised Lead Content in Cookware under SB 5628

On May 13, 2025, the Governor of Washington State, USA, signed Senate Bill 5628, amending the original act HB 1551 to limit lead content in cookware, which will officially take effect on January 1, 2026.

Comparison of Old and New Acts:

Item	New Act SB 5628	Original Act HB 1551
Scope	Aluminum or brass cookware Aluminum or brass cookware components Aluminum or brass utensils	Cookware or cookware components
Limit Value	90 ppm (January 1, 2026) 10 ppm (January 1, 2028)	5 ppm
Effective Date	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2026

Definitions Related to SB-5628 Act:

Aluminum or Brass	Items made of brass or aluminum: pots, pans, kettles, round-bottomed woks, griddles, the inner pots of electric rice cookers or pressure cookers, and similar containers or surfaces used for cooking food	
	Components of cookware made of aluminum or brass, such as lids, rivets, fasteners, valves, and vents	
Aluminum or Brass Jtensils Tools made of aluminum or brass, such as knives, forks, spoons, spatulas, and similar implements used for preparing, serving, or consuming food, unless such implements are fully encased in stainless steel		

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