

CPSIA Compliance Solutions

Your Challenges



At the end of 2011, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted to lift the long-standing “stay of enforcement” for the third-party testing and certification requirements for toys and other children’s products subject to the lead content phthalates and ASTM F-963 mandatory toy safety standard imposed by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). As a result, toys and most other “children’s products” (primarily intended for use by children 12 and years of age and younger) manufactured on or after January 1, 2012, must be certified as meeting these and any other applicable CPSC safety standards (e.g., lead paint and small parts). These certificates must be issued based on passing test results from a CPSC-recognized third-party testing lab. In addition, in December 2011, the CPSC formally recognized the allowance of testing of component parts and materials in lieu of final product testing, if strict recordkeeping and other requirements are met.

These new developments, among other new and pending CPSC regulations affecting toys and other children’s products sold in the U.S., mean that makers and importers of such products need to reassess their CPSC compliance efforts and programs. Failure to comply with these new requirements could mean the delay or seizure of products at U.S. ports-of-entry, and could even lead to fines being levied by the CPSC.

Our Solutions

As your trusted partner and accredited world leader in the testing, inspection and certification of consumer goods, Intertek offers comprehensive CPSIA compliance solutions that enable you to meet, maintain and evolve the quality, safety and performance standards of your regulated products. Intertek’s CPSIA solutions include:

- iComply™, a user-friendly, web-based artificial intelligence application facilitating collaborative supply chain assembly of technical files
- Third-party testing by CPSC-approved laboratories, with the:
 - Most labs approved for phthalates testing
 - Most labs approved for non-metals testing
- In-depth consulting on CPSIA scope, compliance requirements, dates and deadlines
- CPSIA product assessment
- Electronic filing of product certifications
- CPSIA education and training

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CPSC Testing and Certification and Component Parts Testing Rules

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U.S. domestic manufacturers and importers of “children’s products” are required to certify that their products meet all mandatory U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) safety standards. For children’s products manufactured after February 8, 2013, according to the new Testing and Labeling Pertaining to Product Certification Rule (a.k.a. Reasonable Testing Program Rule) adopted by the CPSC in November 2011, a comprehensive technical file will be required to demonstrate continued product compliance throughout the production. Failure to certify covered products and develop the required documentation for the technical file will be considered a “prohibited act,” subjecting companies to possible civil fines. Information required in the technical file is extensive and among other documents includes a “Periodic/Production Testing Plan” that imparts a “high degree of assurance” of continued standards compliance, as well as formal policies and training to prevent the exercise of “undue influence” over the Third Party test laboratories accepted by the CPSC. In addition, the new Component Part Testing Rule, which became effective on December 8, 2011, allows companies to issue compliance certificates based in whole or in part on the third-party test reports or certificates provided by component part/materials suppliers, but only under specified conditions and with required documentation.



Our Solutions

iComply™, an automated artificial intelligence application, is a one-stop-shop solution that enables you to demonstrate due diligence and guides you through the compliance process by:

- **Facilitating collaborative supply chain assembly of technical files across multiple products and manufacturers**
- **Creating a Production Testing Plan based on attributes unique to your product that serve as the basis for defending the adequacy of the production testing frequency and compliance with the Testing & Labeling Pertaining to Product Certification and Component Parts Testing Rules**
- **Generating a Certificate of Compliance (CoC)**
- **Managing compliance without increasing quality assurance staff or overhead costs**
- **Tracking material change and remedial actions across the supply chain**

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