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CPSIA

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008

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IN FORCE Its certification and testing requirements are carried out through 16 CFR Parts 1107 and 1109, and its certificate eFiling requirement through Part 1110.

What It Covers

Lead and phthalate limits for children's products, mandatory third-party testing and certification, permanent tracking labels, and the making of ASTM F963 a mandatory standard.

Who It Applies To

Manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of children's products (primarily intended for children 12 and under) and of other regulated consumer products sold in the United States.

Key Requirements

- Lead content in accessible substrate no more than 100 ppm, and lead in paint no more than 90 ppm (16 CFR 1303).
- Eight phthalates limited to 0.1 percent in child care articles and children's toys (16 CFR 1307).
- Third-party testing by a CPSC-accepted laboratory, and a Children's Product Certificate for each product.
- Permanent tracking labels on the product and its packaging (Section 103).

What an Auditor Asks to See

- The certificate, the test reports, and the laboratory's acceptance scope.
- Tracking label content for a production lot, traced back to the factory and date.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Laboratories used outside their CPSC-accepted scope.
- Tracking labels that identify the brand but not the batch.

How QES helps. Compliance reviews of certificates, labels and testing, and a certificate eFiling readiness check. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

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