

# SPC&B Update

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## CPSC Changes GCC Requirement for Adult Apparel

In a unanimous vote, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) eliminated the requirement that manufacturers and importers of adult apparel issue General Certificates of Compliance (GCCs) for fabrics that are exempt from flammability testing. In a move that should save the apparel industry approximately \$250 million, the CPSC decided to exercise its enforcement discretion, removing the requirement to issue a GCC for adult apparel made from the following exempt fabrics:

1. Plain surface fabrics, regardless of fiber content, weighing 2.6 ounces per square yard or more
2. All fabrics, both plain surface and raised-fiber surface textiles, regardless of weight, made entirely from any of the following fibers or entirely from combinations of the following fibers: acrylic, modacrylic, nylon, olefin, polyester, wool

The new enforcement policy is effective on March 25, 2016. Notwithstanding the above, we remind companies that they are still responsible for reviewing their fabrics and confirming whether or not they are actually subject to flammability testing.

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