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CPSC to Publish Notices of Proposed Rulemaking on Testing Procedures and Mandatory Drawstring Ban



Yesterday, the Commissioners of the CPSC voted 5 to 0 in favor of proposed rules on component testing and requirements for product certification testing and labeling. The proposed rules, which CPSC staff has revised in the past two weeks, will be published for comment in the Federal Register shortly, prior to the issuance of a final rule. The comment period will be 75 days from the date of publication. **We think it essential that importers and manufacturers of children's products file comments on these procedures, since they will govern the way in which you must operate starting in February 2011.**

Changes from the original drafts discussed in our *Safety News* of April 14, 2010, include a provision for different types of certifications for component parts and finished products, expansion of the locations in the U.S. where documentation may be maintained, extension of the record retention requirements, and changes to the periodic testing and verification requirements. Several of the Commissioners noted the extremely complex nature of the proposed rules and recommended that a cost/benefit analysis be conducted due to concern about the impact on small businesses. Once the proposed rulemaking notice is published, we will provide you with more details.

The Commission also voted 5 to 0 in favor of the proposed mandatory drawstring ban discussed in our *Safety News* of May 4, 2010. There will be a 75-day comment period for this rule as well.

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