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CPSC Intends to do a “Soft Launch” of the Publicly Available Consumer Product Safety Information Database on January 24, 2011



As required by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has been developing a program for consumers to be able to report information on hazardous products and incidents involving such products, for publication on a searchable database. The database will be launched officially on March 11, 2011, but the agency announced today that a “soft launch” will start on Monday, at www.saferproducts.com. Accordingly, businesses can start registering their contact information on the website now. Registration is recommended so that, in the event that a consumer files a report on one of your company’s products, the CPSC will be able to contact the appropriate personnel directly via email.

Once a consumer submits a report for publication on the database, the CPSC must notify the manufacturer/importer within 5 business days and the manufacturer/importer then has 10 business days to submit comments about the report. After the 15-day period, the report and any comments submitted for publication by the importer/manufacturer will be posted on the database. The importer/manufacturer can submit additional comments after the initial posting, even if it did not file comments before publication.

Any reports filed during the ‘soft launch’ period will not be published, even after the official launch date in March; rather, they will remain subject to the current rules regarding publication.

We note that some of the Commissioners have expressed the opinion that certain aspects of the database are not legal and that they may be the subject of court challenges in the future.

Anyone with questions on how to register with the Product Safety Database or on how to respond to a consumer report should contact Donna Shira at dshira@spcblaw.com, Gail Cumins at gcumins@spcblaw.com, or Alli Baron at abarons@spcblaw.com, or call us at 212-425-0055.

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