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CPSC Votes to Extend Stay of Enforcement of Lead Testing and Certification Requirements for Children's Products to December 31, 2011



In a 4 to 1 decision, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted today to extend the stay of enforcement of third party testing and certification for lead in substrates until December 31, 2011. The extension is intended to give the agency time to finalize rules on component testing and testing programs.

According to Commissioner Nancy Nord, while the Commission staff had recommended an extension of the stay until September 14, 2011, the Commissioners decided to grant the additional time until December 31, 2011, to relieve small manufacturers from the burden of an expensive new testing burden during their busiest season.

We note, however, that although third party testing and certification are not yet required, all children's products currently must comply with the lead in substrate standard of 300 ppm. Moreover, unless excepted, most products will have to comply with the lower limit of 100 ppm as of August 14, 2011.

Confused about the deadlines applicable to your products? Please contact Gail Cumins at <a href="mailto:gcumins@spcblaw.com">gcumins@spcblaw.com</a> or Donna Shira at <a href="mailto:dshira@spcblaw.com">dshira@spcblaw.com</a>, or call us at 212-425-0055, for further information.

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