

Services for Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008

Testing and Specialized Services to Meet Your Needs

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 dramatically changes the testing and certification landscape for manufacturers, importers, and private labelers. The law applies to every product that is subject to any Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) enforced regulation. It includes new restrictions on lead in children's products; lower limits on lead in paint and surface coatings; bans certain phthalates; requires mandatory third-party testing and documentation from an accredited laboratory, plus other requirements. Among these is the need for a General Conformity Certificate (GCC) for all types of consumer products. The GCC must be issued by the importer or domestic manufacturer for importation and distribution of products manufactured after November 12, 2008.

SOLUTION

Assistance with General Conformity Certificates and Third-Party Testing

Our specialized services include support for: identifying applicable CPSC requirements for your product, developing a reasonable testing program, and assisting with set-up for your General Conformity Certificate program.

Third-party reports are required for consumer products designed or primarily used by children aged 12 years or younger. While toys are clearly intended for children, it is less clear which non-toy products will need to be considered for third-party testing.

Using our age grading and consumer product experience, we can guide you to the appropriate classification of your product and which third-party reports are required. As an accredited laboratory, we can also provide the third-party testing documentation required by CPSIA for all toy, juvenile and children's products.

What are the key benefits?

- Guidance through the complexity of the CPSIA requirements
- Updates on the on-going changes and interpretations of the new law
- Product compliance to applicable regulations in the new law
- Assistance in meeting documentation and reporting obligations
- Provision of appropriate third-party testing reports
- Enhanced risk management and brand protection

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

Reputation – Over 30 years of technical experience in toy and juvenile products.

Worldwide Locations – With locations close to sourcing areas in over 40 countries, we offer you the convenience of global coverage with local service.

Technical Knowledge & Leadership – On-going involvement directly with the Consumer Product Safety Commission in meetings, conference calls, and related interpretative activities of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

Personal Personalized Service – At Bureau Veritas, we are committed to meeting your needs.



RELATED SERVICES

Our services work together to help you minimize the risk of recalls and returns, protecting your brand equity.

- Inspections
- Factory Assessments
- Security Assessments
- Social Audits
- Training
- Consulting

Ask us how these services can benefit you and your company.



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OUR APPROACH

At Bureau Veritas, our approach is to provide comprehensive services for all types of product that need to comply with the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008. With our strong team of regulatory specialists, we are uniquely positioned to help you navigate through the Consumer Products Safety Commission's rulemaking process with up-to-date communications and interpretations of the new law as it unfolds.

Among the services Bureau Veritas offers, we can determine if your product requires a third-party testing report under a children or adult category, identify the necessary requirements, and perform the actual testing. We also offer a Technical Opinion Letter (TOL) at three levels (Product Review; Product and Component Review; or Product and Component Review/Missing Test Identification). The TOL will list out all CPSC regulations applicable to your product with the higher levels providing additional information.

You can trust that the technical professionals that handle your children's products at Bureau Veritas will extend that experience to encompass all types of products affected by the Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act, whether toys, textiles or hard goods.

Children's Products

- Toys and games
- Art and crafts materials
- Walkers/Bouncers/Jumpers
- Cribs
- Children's furniture
- Children's jewelry
- Children's wearing apparel
- Children's footwear
- Children's costumes

Adult Products

- Adult wearing apparel
- Carpets and rugs
- Paint
- Lighters
- Charcoal briquettes
- Adult furniture
- Home textiles
- Mattresses
- Candles

FAQ

Is the laboratory report acceptable as the General Conformity Certificate?

No. Laboratory test reports support the General Conformity Certificate, but the importer or domestic manufacturer is responsible for certifying the product complies.

How is a Third-Party Report different from the standard test report?

First, the test laboratory generating the third-party report must be accredited by the CPSC. Second, the testing must be done in accordance with CPSC testing practices, such as no compositing. Bureau Veritas can satisfy all of your third-party testing needs.

Does the phthalates requirement apply to all children's products?

No. The phthalates requirement is limited to toys and childcare articles only. Certain children's wearing apparel, for example, may not need to meet the phthalates requirement.

How can I keep up with the CPSIA requirements as they go into effect?

Bureau Veritas has a dedicated CPSIA resource page to answer questions and provide the latest information on CPSIA requirements, a timeline of effective dates, and access for bulletin sign-up for news and updates as released. See: www.bureauveritas.com/cpsia



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