



US CPSC- Exemption of 7 plastics from CPSIA Phthalate Testing

On 29 Aug 2017, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted to remove seven plastics from the requirement to conduct independent third party testing for compliance with the mandatory phthalates prohibitions on children's toys and child care articles. The final rule (16 CFR 1308) goes into effect on 29 September, 2017.

The Commission determined that children's toys and child care articles containing polypropylene (PP), polyethylene (PE), high-impact polystyrene (HIPS), acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS), general-purpose polystyrene (GPPS), medium-impact polystyrene (MIPS), and super-high-impact polystyrene (SHIPS) with specified additives (as in 16 CFR 1308) would comply with CPSC's requirements with a high degree of assurance. Based on this determination, the seven plastics with specified additives do not require third party testing for prohibited phthalates.

However, the manufacture, sale, distribution or importation into the United States of children's toys and child care articles containing concentrations of more than 0.1 percent of six specified phthalates is still regulated under Section 108 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA).



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