Below you’ll find articles and reports regarding product responsibility business practices and concerns, along with other important information.

**The Case For Revisiting Product Safety** - September, 2016
With over $25 million in civil penalties assessed against businesses this year for product safety violations, it's time to take notice.

Consumers increasingly want products that are free of chemicals they consider to be hazardous. Which of these influences—government regulation or consumer demand—will affect your company and its products first?

The CPSC is looking to weed out "bad actors" in the area of compliance by increasing civil penalties. Is your compliance program real or just a façade?

**Why All The Fuss About A Code Of Conduct?** - June, 2016
A code gives your clients an extra boost of confidence to buy from you.

Companies are increasingly looking to consolidate their buying with a limited number of vendors. This not only saves them money, but makes it easier to manage risks to their brand.

**Eight Guidelines to Avoid Copyright Infringement** - April, 2016

**CPSC Levies A Record $15.4 Million Penalty** - March, 2016
The penalty is due to the company’s knowing failure to report a defect and unreasonable risk of serious injury to the CPSC immediately.

The industry’s progress in product safety education over the past 12 months has marked the dawn of a new age in promotional products. It doesn’t matter if you agree with the regulations, with how they have been implemented or whether you think they are an impediment to your business. The fact remains that these regulations are the law and you have a responsibility to your clients and end-users to place safe products on the market.

**Congress Passes New Customs Bill Focused on Strong Enforcement and Trade Facilitation Policies** - February, 2016

**Product Responsibility Step By Step** - February, 2016
As a small distributor, I feel a bit overwhelmed about product responsibility and where to start with a product responsibility program.
Influential Outliers: CPSC Consent Decrees Have Far-Reaching Impact - February, 2016
In October 2015, the U.S. Department of Justice—at the behest of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)—filed suit in California federal court to prohibit two companies and three individuals from importing allegedly defective children’s products.

Every so often, frequently in response to sensationalized media reports regarding the prevalence of allegedly unsafe products getting into the hands of children, counties decide to legislate on matters involving consumer product safety...Unfortunately, these laws introduced and considered by localities tend to be more about politics and headlines than safety and have little effect on actually improving the safety of children’s products.