Product Responsibility - Guides

Glossary & Terms
Glossary Of Product Safety Compliance Terms for promotional products professionals.

Art Materials
Art and Craft Safety Guide
General guidance for the use of art and craft supplies with children. An overview of the potential hazards associated with art and craft materials and applicable safety and first-aid information. Detailed information about specific art and craft disciplines and associated materials.

Aware
PPAI AWARE is a successful collaboration between PPAI's PPB magazine and Promo Marketing in exploring the responsibility issues affecting the promotional product industry.

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Communicate With End-Buyers
CPSC Guide to Buying Promotional Products
Clearly communicate the value of compliance with this end-user-friendly guide to Federal safety laws.

Product Safety Communication Tool
Discuss campaign development and consumer product safety with your end buyer client with this helpful worksheet.

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA)
CPSC Guide to Buying Promotional Products
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Guide To Navigating The CPSIA
The Guide To Navigating The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (2014 Version) is your one source for CPSIA information. This book covers everything from a definition of a children’s product, to standards and regulations, to specific supplier and distributor information and even answers to your most frequently asked questions.

CPSC Business Desktop Reference Guide
The CPSC charts its requirements for general use and children’s products in this easy-to-read guide.

Compliance Documents
How To Read Compliance Documents
Test reports and compliance certificates are as complex as they are necessary. This instructional guide takes you step-by-step through the process of reading and understanding these reports.
Declaration of Conformity
According to NIST, sometimes referred to as a Self Declaration of Conformity (SDOC), it is a written assurance provided by a supplier that demonstrates a product conforms to a standard or regulation based on their quality control system, test results or other inspection.

Made In USA
FTC Guidance for Made in USA Claims
Marketers and manufacturers that promote their products as Made in USA must meet "all or virtually all" standard according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Manufacturing & Testing
CPSC Laboratory Test Manual for Toy Testing
Requirements for testing of toys and other articles intended for use by children 12 years and under.

Handbook For Manufacturing Safer Consumer Products
The underlying premise of the Handbook is that safety must be designed into and built into consumer products in the United States in conformance with the requirements of product safety systems planned, established, and implemented at the direction of executive management.

Guide To Responsible Sourcing In The Promotional Products Industry
This guide will provide you with direction and clarity in assessing and meeting product safety, social and environmental compliance challenges with self-assessment tools, best practices, checklists and frequently asked questions in the promotional products industry.

Undue Influence Statement of Policy
On February 8, 2013 the CPSC issued regulations (1107.24 and 1107.26) to ensure that manufacturers and their employees do not exert undue influence on testing laboratories to alter test methods or results which serve as the basis for certifying a product’s compliance under federal law.

Sample Product Inspection Form From UL
Product inspection records are necessary component of the required technical file.

Restricted Substances
AAFA Restricted Substances List
The American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) publishes a Restricted Substances List (RSL), “which identifies global substance restrictions for footwear, apparel, and textile industries. Considered a "go to" resource to help companies manage product safety and chemical management compliance, the RSL contains practical information to help companies navigate the maze of international, federal, and state chemical restrictions, labeling, and reporting requirements. It can be downloaded for free at the AAFA website.”
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Phthalates
Phthalates: A Comprehensive Guide
A product liability attorney compares and contrasts CPSIA, California's phthalate ban and Proposition 65, explaining what you need to know and when.

Small Business
CPSC Small Business Guide
Guidance on the Consumer Product Safety improvement Act (CPSIA) for small businesses, resellers, crafters and charities.

How Does This Affect My Small Business?: Extension Of The Stay Of Enforcement Of Testing And Certification Requirements For Total Lead Content in Children's Products Until December 31, 2011
The CPSC's Small Business Ombudsman explains the current and future lead content requirements for children's products.

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Standards
CPSC Regulated Products Handbook
This handbook has been developed to assist manufacturers, importers, retailers and others in the regulated community (firms) in understanding their responsibilities and what steps they should take when either the CPSC staff informs them, or they become aware of, a violation of CPSC statutes and regulations.

CPSC Position On Voluntary Standards
The CPSC's position on voluntary standards is that if you do not comply with voluntary standards, they are going to consider it a substantial product hazard and recall the product.

Resin Identification Codes (RIC)
RICs are used to identify the type of plastic resin used in a product.

State Regulations
California's Proposition 65 Guidebook
Since its enactment more than 15 years ago, California’s Proposition 65 has distinguished itself as an unusual statute that requires the business community’s careful attention.

State Regs Quick Reference Guide  This easy-to-use guide provided by PPAI will help you determining what regulations you need to look out for by state.