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# CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008 (CPSIA) OVERVIEW

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The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), a federal law enacted in 2008, is intended to enhance the safety of consumer products, especially those intended for children under the age of 12.

Key requirements of CPSIA include:

1. **Mandatory product safety standards** for many consumer products such as apparel, furniture, carpets and rugs, consumer products that use button cell or coin batteries, and any product intended for a child aged 12 and under.
2. **Product testing and certification** of impacted products, including third-party testing by accredited labs. Products must be tested and certified as compliant before they can be sold in the United States.

When Ross is the importer of record for CPSIA-impacted products, vendors are required to submit valid test reports, product certifications and other documentation evidencing compliance with CPSIA requirements prior to shipping.

Additional information regarding CPSIA can be found at [Consumer Product Safety Commission - Testing and Certification](#)