

FAQ's

1. What is the CPSIA?

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act was signed into law August 14, 2008, setting new standards and testing requirements for various products and also imposing a variety of new certification requirements which will affect manufacturers, importers, and retailers. It affects all products regulated by the CPSC and, in particular, changes standards for products designed for children by banning the use of lead and phthalates and requiring third-party testing of those products.

2. What does CPSIA require?

The best source of information is on the CPSC's own CPSIA website.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/ABOUT/Cpsia/cpsia.html>

If vendors are at all unsure about the requirements, we strongly encourage them to use our proprietary testing provider, Bureau Veritas, who will conduct all necessary third-party testing and auto-generate the necessary certificates.

3. What are Kroger's requirements?

Kroger, of course, expects its vendors to comply with the law. The process of compliance differs depending on whether the product is a direct import or sourced from a domestic distributor.

- i. If the order is domestic, the law makes the importer of record (vendor) solely responsible for compliance. Vendors are required to "furnish" certificates to all of their retailers. Vendors who need to supply certificates or company policy compliance statements at this time should either post them to a website or provide Kroger with an email address to which a request can be made and certificates supplied within a 24 hour window. Kroger has no format requirements for GCCs issuing from domestic distribution.
- ii. If the order is an import, all of our vendors should have already been contacted by the Kroger/Fred Meyer Logistics team regarding our testing and certification procedures. The import shipping manual and the required GCC format are available at <http://www.thekrogerco.com/b2b/compliance.htm>

4. Are these products covered under the law?

- a. Any product designed for children 12 and under and any other products currently falling under regulations enforced by the CPSC require certification. The CPSC has provided a list of these products on its website <http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/regsbyproduct.html>. Vendors who have not already done so should retain legal counsel to help determine if their product lines fall under the certification requirement and under which regulations they must certify.

5. Whom do I contact if there are additional questions?

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