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CPSIA UPDATES PART 21: CONGRESS DRAFTS AMENDMENTS

Several bills have been introduced in the US Congress to amend the Consumer Product safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). The scope of the proposed amendments range from exemption of certain products containing specific materials to exemptions for second-hand sellers.

In February 2009, a number of bills (proposals) were filed in both houses of Congress to amend the CPSIA. Highlights on the bills are summarized in the table below.

For further details of the bills, please contact your SGS representative or use the following link:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

SGS is committed to inform interested parties as development on CPSIA and other legislations occur.

Throughout our global network of laboratories, we are able to provide a range of services, including analytical testing and consultancy for lead, phthalates and other heavy metals in a comprehensive range of children's products and other consumer products for the US and worldwide markets.

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www.hardlines.sgs.com/cpsia.

Item	Bill No.	Highlights
1	HR 1027	To exempt second-hand sellers of specified used products from lead content and certification requirements of the CPSIA of 2008. Ex. of used products: Clothing, textiles, shoes and books.
2	HR 1046	Mandatory exclusion of fabric products from lead limits and third-party testing. Considerations in enforcement with respect to small businesses, thrift stores selling used goods, and donations to charities.
3	HR 968 / S 374	To amend CPSIA to provide regulatory relief to small and family-owned businesses, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow Lead content certification based on component testing.• Waiver of third party testing requirement.• Waiver of civil penalty for initial good faith violation.• Small enterprise compliance assistance.
4	S 389	To establish conditional stay of the ban on lead in children's products and for other purposes.

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