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All products subject to a CPSC standard now affected by Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

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All consumer products manufactured on or after November 12, 2008 that are subject to a CPSC standard must be accompanied by a certificate of conformity under the recently enacted Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. For more information, please contact [Eileen M. Nottoli](#).

California sets up toxic chemicals registry

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Under two new laws, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has until 2011 to develop a process for identifying and evaluating potentially dangerous chemicals and to set up a searchable online database where consumers can find information on chemicals, according to Building Green. The law follows in the footsteps of chemical evaluation programs in the European Union and Canada but is the first such legislation in the U.S. Both of California's new laws arose from recommendations made by the Green Chemistry Initiative.

ISO updates environmental guide in product standards

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The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has updated its guide for addressing environmental issues in product standards, according to The Environmental Leader. The new guide, ISO Guide 64:2008 offers product standards writers a step-by-step approach to identify and understand basic environmental aspects, as well as impacts related to the product's entire life-cycle. The guide recommends standard writers to conduct life-cycle evaluations of a product early on in the standard development.

European businesses impacted by REACH regulation could face fines

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The UK government has warned that large numbers of companies could find themselves in breach of EU chemicals legislation from 1 December if they fail to pre-register any chemical substances they import or manufacture with the European Chemicals Agency (ECA). Under the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) directive all firms manufacturing or importing over a ton of chemical substances are required to register with the ECA as part of a Europe-wide audit designed to provide the groundwork for the future phasing out of hazardous substances.

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Beginning on February 10, 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) permanently bans the use of three phthalates in children's toys and child care articles, according to Consumer Affairs. Three more phthalates, DINP, DIDP, and DnOP, will also be banned, albeit temporarily, from children's toys that can be placed in a child's mouth and from child care articles. "Child care articles" are those products designed or intended to facilitate the sleep or feeding of children age three or younger, or to help such children with sucking or teething.

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