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Import Alert

Subject: Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

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What is the act?

The act requires manufactures and importers to certify in writing products covered under the act conform to the rules, bans, regulations or standards administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The requirements apply to nearly all categories of consumer goods, from fabrics to furniture, including apparel, jewelry, toys, sporting goods, hazardous materials, home appliances, etc.

What does the act require?

The act requires products to be tested and certificates of conformity to be issued. The certificate for the shipment must accompany the shipment. Different products require different types of testing.

What happens if my shipment arrives without a certificate of conformity?

A shipment that arrives without a certificate of conformity may be refused admission and destroyed at the importers expense.

Where do I find out if my commodity is covered by the Act and what the testing requirements are for my products?

Information can be obtained from the following government site:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html#signup>