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Regulatory Alert: CPSC filing requirements in ACE coming soon

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Overview

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) regulates many common household and consumer products. Currently, importers of CPSC regulated products must maintain certificates of compliance and provide those to CPSC or US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) upon request.

- In October 2024, the CPSC began a voluntary eFiling pilot to allow the filing of CPSC certificate of compliance information via CBP's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) entry filing system.
- CPSC states that eFiling should reduce holds and examinations on compliant products allowing the agency to focus resources on non-compliant products.

What has changed?

Effective July 8, 2026, eFiling will be mandatory for imported products regulated by the CPSC. Importers of CPSC regulated products will be required to provide all data elements necessary for the customs broker to complete the CPSC Participating Government Agency (PGA) message set in ACE at the time of entry into the US.

The full CPSC PGA message set will require importers to provide seven certificate of compliance data elements for each product imported. To streamline the process, importers may pre-file information about the product in [CPSC's Product Registry](#) allowing the broker to transmit an abbreviated CPSC message set.

Recent reports indicate that it may take some time for importers to complete the CPSC Product Registry process. FedEx encourages importers to begin this process ahead of the July 8th implementation date to reduce the chance of clearance delays.

Q&A

Q 1: What data elements are required for the full message set?

A 1: The following seven data elements will need to be provided to complete the full CPSC message set:

1. Product ID (i.e., Global Trade Item Number)
2. Each CPSC rule that has been certified for the product under [16 CFR part 1110](#)
3. Date of manufacture for the finished product
4. Name and address for the manufacturer, producers, or assembler
5. Date of most recent test for compliance with applicable CPSC rules
6. Name and address for the compliance testing facility
7. Contact information for the party maintaining records of test results

Note: These data elements are required when the importer has not registered the product on the CPSC Product Registry. If the product has been registered, see Q 2 below.

Q 2: What data elements are required for the abbreviated, reference message set?

A 2: Products that have been registered on the CPSC Product Registry qualify for use of the reference message set. For the reference message set, importers will need to provide the following three data elements with their shipping documents:

1. Product ID – A unique identifier for the product being certified
2. Certifier ID – The unique identifier created by the certifying importer
3. Version ID – The unique identifier for the specific version of the product certificate

Q 3: Am I required to pre-file information about my products in the CPSC Product Registry?

A 3: No. Use of the CPSC Product Registry is optional. Customers who regularly import CPSC regulated products are encouraged to register their products to expedite clearance and reduce the chance of CPSC-related holds or exams.

Importers who do not regularly import CPSC regulated products may instead opt to provide the seven data elements required to file the full CPSC message set on a per-shipment basis.

Q 4: What if my product is exempt from CPSC certification requirements?

A 4: Certain products may fall under CPSC jurisdiction but are not subject to a certification requirement or qualify for CPSC enforcement discretion. Importers of these products are encouraged to update shipping documentation to indicate when a CPSC certification exemption exists for a specific product.

Additional certification exemptions exist for the following:

1. Items imported as component parts. The CPSC only regulates finished products.
2. Personal use items exported for repair and reimported.
3. Gifted products shipped between two individuals.

Q 5: Where can I find additional information?

A 4: Importers seeking additional information are encouraged to review the CPSC eFiling website and additional resources linked below.

The CPSC have developed a [Regulatory Robot](#) tool designed to assist manufacturers and importers in identifying and complying with the various CPSC requirements that may apply to their products.

Resources

CBP CPSC eFiling Implementation Guide - <https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/eFiling-CATAIR-IG-V2-1.pdf>

CPSC eFiling - <https://www.cpsc.gov/eFiling>

CPSC Product Registry - <https://www.cpsc.gov/eFiling-CPSC-Product-Registry>

CPSC Regulatory Robot - <https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Regulatory-Robot/Safer-Products-Start-Here>

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