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Big News for Importers: New CPSC Rule Changes Compliance Process

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced a significant update for importers of regulated consumer products.

Starting in 18 months, compliance certificates must be filed electronically. This change will speed up inspections, reduce delays for compliant goods, and help ensure unsafe products don't reach U.S. consumers.

What's Changing?

Importers of regulated consumer products will now need to provide detailed compliance data electronically, including:

- Product identification.
- Certification party details.
- Where and when the product was manufactured.
- Testing records showing it meets U.S. safety standards.

This rule applies to nearly all consumer products covered by mandatory safety standards, including products imported under de minimis exemptions.

Effective Dates to Know:

- General imports: 18 months from the rule's publication in the Federal Register.
- Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) imports: 24 months.

What Does This Mean for Importers?

According to CPSC Chair Alex Hoehn-Saric, this rule will help stop unsafe products at U.S. borders while reducing delays for compliant shipments. For

importers, it's an opportunity to improve compliance efficiency.

Concerns from Brokers

Some brokers worry about whether there's enough time to test and implement these new requirements. The CPSC notes, however, that this rule has been years in the making, with pilot testing starting in 2016.

Need guidance?

American Shipping can help simplify compliance and ensure your imports meet the new CPSC requirements. Contact us for expert support or to get a quote today.

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