

US CPSC Issued the Guidance for Covid-19 Related Products



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has recently released the business guidance for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) related products. The guidance covers four main categories: face coverings, gowns, gloves, and disinfectant and cleaning products.

Under this guidance, face coverings, gowns, and gloves designed for consumer use are considered “articles of wearing apparel” and therefore (1) must comply with the flammability requirements of the Flammable Fabrics Act; and (2) must be tested to either 16 C.F.R. Part 1610 (Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles) or Part 1611 (Standard for the Flammability of Vinyl Plastic Film), depending on the materials used for construction.

Additionally, PPE designed or sized for children ages 12 and under must comply with the labeling, testing, and certification requirements of the CPSA. Product testing must take place at a CPSC-approved testing lab, and U.S. manufacturers/importers of these products must also issue a Children’s Product Certificate.

Disinfectant and cleaning products are primarily regulated by FDA, but also fall under the jurisdiction of the CPSC if they are a hazardous substance under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA). The FHSA requires that hazardous substances bear certain cautionary statements on their labels (e.g. “KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN,” “DANGER”, and “HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED”).

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