2025 Retail Product Quality Compliance Guide:

CPSC eFiling

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Consumer Product Safety Commission: eFiling

Regulatory requirements for product safety are evolving, and brands must stay ahead to avoid delays, fines, and compliance risks. The CPSC eFiling mandate requires companies to electronically submit compliance certificates for regulated products, impacting importers, manufacturers, and retailers.

This section covers the latest CPSC eFiling requirements, deadlines, and best practices to ensure seamless compliance.

Consumer Product Safety Commission eFiling Compliance

Understanding CPSC eFiling for Imported Consumer Product Compliance

CPSC eFiling is a regulatory initiative requiring importers of consumer products to electronically submit compliance data elements when filing an entry with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Key Takeaways:

Scope of eFiling:

- Applies only to imported regulated consumer products.
- Domestic manufacturers are not required to eFile product certificates.
- Requires collaboration with CBP via the PGA Message Set.

Breaking it Down:

- CBP (Customs and Border Protection): The U.S. government agency responsible for overseeing imports and enforcing trade regulations.
- PGA (Partner Government Agency) Message Set: A structured electronic data format used by importers to submit product certification details directly into CBP's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system.
- Collaboration Requirement: Since CPSC and CBP work together to enforce import regulations, importers must electronically file compliance certificates using the PGA Message Setbefore goods arrive in the U.S.

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Product Certification & Compliance

Importers must certify products and submit necessary data through eFiling.

Products requiring certification:
- Children's Product Certificate (CPC) – For children's products, including toys, sleepwear, cribs, and juvenile furniture.
- General Certificate of Conformity (GCC) – For general-use products like mattresses, cigarette lighters, and apparel.

More info:
CPC: cpsc.gov/Testing-Certification/Childrens-Product-Certificate-CPC
GCC: cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Testing-Certification/General-Certificate-of-Conformity-GCC

Timeline

Date	Details
January 8, 2025:	Final rule published in the Federal Register.
July 8, 2026:	eFiling requirements take effect for all regulated consumer products.
January 8, 2027	Extended provisions apply to products processed through Foreign Trade Zones (FTZs).

- The CPSC has not set an official enforcement date beyond the published schedule.

What Must be Included in a Product Certificate?

- When eFiling product certificates, importers must provide seven data elements to complete a Certificate of Compliance, as specified in 16 CFR 1110.

Required Certificate of Compliance Data Elements

Product ID
Identification of the finished product

Citation Codes
Each consumer product safety rule to which the finished product has been certified

Manufactured Date
Date when the finished product was manufactured

Manufactured Location
Place where the finished product was manufactured, produced, or assembled, including the (1) name; (2) full address; and (3) contact information of the manufacturing party

Product Test Date
Date when the finished product was most recently tested for compliance

Test Lab
Party(ies) used for testing a certificate per 16 CFR Part 1110, including (1) name, (2) full address, and (3) contact information of testing entity

Point of Contact
Contact information for the party maintaining records of test results, including (1) name, (2) full address, and (3) contact information

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How Texbase Helps manage eFiling data:

Data Integration & Management:
Centralized platform for managing CPSC compliance data across raw materials, testing reports, and supply chains.

Automated CoC (Certificate of Compliance) Generation:
Automatically generates CPSC-compliant Certificates of Compliance, minimizing manual errors.

Secure Data Collaboration:
Seamlessly exchanges data with all supply chain tiers and independent testing labs through Texbase Connect.

Resources & Support:

- CPSC eFiling Quick Start Guide (July 2024).
- CPSC Product Registry Training Videos – Available on CPSC's website.
- Texbase Webinar – Prepping for Compliance: Essential Strategies to Stay Ahead.
- Contact CPSC – eFilingSupport@CPSC.gov.
- More Info: www.CPSC.gov/eFiling

Your Data Holds the Key to Compliance

Texbase Helps You:

- Get Control of Your Data – Organize and centralize supplier certifications, test reports, and compliance records.
- Stay Ahead of New Regulations – Be proactive, not reactive, with structured data that's ready for audits and reporting.
- Simplify Complex Compliance Tasks – Automate certification tracking, lab test imports, and documentation processes.

Take Action Today:

If compliance feels like a moving target, the real issue might be your data. Let's fix that.

 A quick demo can show you how to get your compliance data in order.

Schedule a Demo

Join Us at an Upcoming Event:

We'll be hosting a series of webinar with insights on compliance, data management, and what's coming next.

Upcoming Events

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