



ALVIN & COMPANY, INC.

1335 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002
Telephone 800.444.2584
www.alvinco.com

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008

OVERVIEW

- ◆ The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (the "CPSIA" or "Act"), imposes new safety requirements on manufacturers, importers, distributors and sellers of consumer products that are designed or intended for use by children 12 years of age or younger.
- ◆ The application of the CPSIA is not limited to toys and is broadly worded to apply to all "children's products", which include toys, children's craft kits and supplies, books, games, puzzles, posters, clothing and shoes, children's furniture, bedding and linens, sporting goods, and child care articles.
- ◆ The CPSIA prohibits the importation, distribution, or sale of: (a) children's products that contain levels of lead that exceed certain limits as specified in the Act; and (b) children's toys and child care articles that contain certain phthalates that exceed the limits specified in the Act.
- ◆ The CPSIA requires domestic manufacturers and importers of children's products to test their products and certify compliance with the requirements imposed by the Act before the products may be imported or sold in the United States. In the future, the Act will require that testing be performed by third-party laboratories.
- ◆ In addition to the testing and certification requirements, the CPSIA also imposes new rules for the advertising and labeling of children's products.

Alvin and Company Inc. is a manufacturer and importer of technical design tools, furniture, graphic and fine art supplies, and professional presentation products.

Alvin and Company Inc. strives to comply with all applicable safety and labeling regulations for all products under its brand labels.

Alvin and Company Inc. does not manufacture, label, advertise or market toys or products intended for children that are under the age of 13 years.