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I. CPSC Enhances SaferProducts.gov Business Portal

II. Denmark Intends to Restrict Chromium VI in Leather Consumer Articles



I. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has added several new features to the Business Portal on SaferProducts.gov, in an effort to make it easier for businesses to work with the agency. First, the CPSC has created a new online form which will allow manufacturers, private labelers and importers that are registered businesses to submit required reports of potential hazardous or defective products by logging on to the Portal, thereby eliminating the need to provide company information.

Second, all registered manufacturers, importers and private labelers will receive electronic notices of all incident reports, not just those eligible to be published on SaferProducts.gov.

The third and final enhancement, which is not yet functional, will allow registered businesses to add brand names for their products, along with the time periods during which the company has sold such brand name products. Since company names do not always appear on consumer products, the ability to register brand names will give companies more assurance that they will be notified of any complaints filed with the CPSC relating to their branded products.

II. Following in Germany's footsteps, Denmark has advised the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) of its intention to propose restricting chromium VI compounds in leather articles, in part due to a market survey conducted by the Danish Ministry of Environment, which found the presence of chromium VI in some of the shoes being sold in Denmark. The proposal will be submitted in January 2012. Germany already has restricted chromium VI in leather consumer products that come into contact with the skin, effective August 2010.

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