

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Import Surveillance Overview



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Import Surveillance

- CPSC's Office of Import Surveillance works closely with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
 - CPSC staff are co-located with CBP port personnel at major ports of entry throughout the United States.

Basic Importation Process



1. Cargo is loaded onto a container ship in the foreign port of lading – cargo manifests are filed
2. Ship travels to the United States and enters a Port of Unlading (several weeks on average)
3. Entries are filed, by Customs brokers, for all cargo on board
4. Entries with CBP or other (CPSC included) holds are flagged for examination
5. Containers are unloaded and distributed via truck or rail (direct to importer, to a CES for exam, to a CFS if consolidated, etc.)

Import Surveillance

- The Import Surveillance office works with CPSC's Office of General Counsel and coordinates closely with CPSC's Office of Compliance and Field Operations.

Risk Assessment Methodology (RAM)

- Under CPSIA, CPSC was mandated to develop a Risk Assessment Methodology to identify shipments having a high risk of containing violative products.
- The same section of the law required CPSC to provide for the use of the International Trade Data System to assess imported shipments.

Coordination with CBP

- Data Sharing with U.S. Customs and Border Protection
 - Improves CPSC's ability to assess risk on shipments arriving in the U.S. and to interdict violative products.

Targeting and Enforcement

- National targeting programs coordinated with CBP through the Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center (CTAC)
- Targeting in CPSC's RAM system
- Local Operations formulated based on port specific activity

CTAC

- Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center
- Operated from CBP HQ in Washington, D.C.
- Staffed by CBP, CPSC, and other agencies responsible for import safety
- Access to manifest and entry data that assist in targeting

Joint Audits/Informed Compliance

- Joint Inspections/Audits with CBP
 - Provides specific guidance on CPSC regulations
 - Provides specific importation requirements for future activity with Customs
- Informed Compliance Inspections (ICI)

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- Importer Self-Assessment Program
 - CPSC staff are working with CBP to implement a program that allows companies to apply for a “low-risk” status.

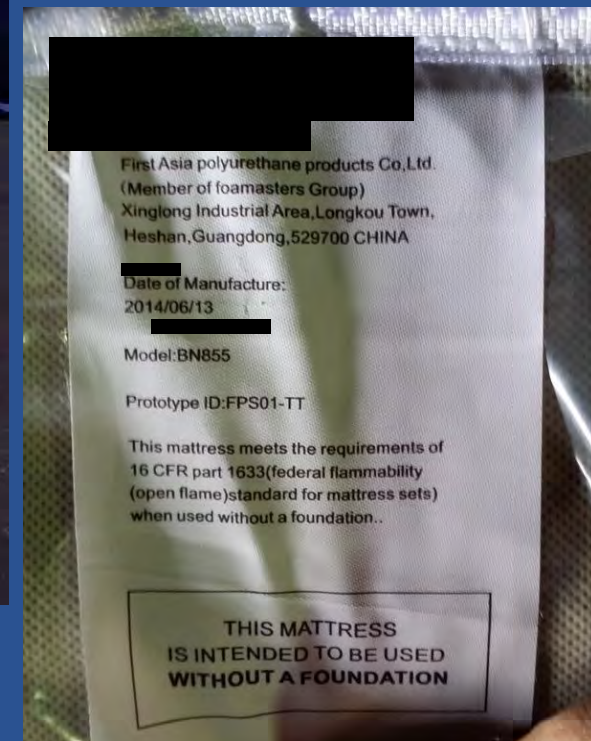
Examinations in Warehouses



Examples of Products Intercepted and Deemed Violative or Nonconforming



Mattresses



Hairdryers



Lighters



Holiday Lights

Drawstrings



Fireworks



Generators



Baby Shoes Containing Lead



Questions?

