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Importers, beware. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) has created a wide range of new safety, documentation and record-keeping requirements. The CPSIA has also provided the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) authority to impose more severe civil and criminal penalties for violations. The changes affect importers at least as much as manufacturers, because the CPSC already has authority, and has increasingly exercised it, over companies or persons that bring consumer goods into the U.S. This Williams Mullen White Paper describes the CPSIA's basic scope, requirements and enforcement provisions.

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