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**STR to Present Three Seminars on the TIA's Proposed
Toy Safety Certification ProgramSM**

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Featured speakers will include Elizabeth Borrelli, Executive Director of the TIA, who will discuss mandated testing requirements for all toy products sold in the U.S.

Enfield, CT, June 4, 2008 – Specialized Technology Resources (STR) will present three seminars in July 2008 entitled “Toy Safety Certification ProgramSM: Prepare for New Regulations” to help companies prepare for, implement and comply with the Toy Industry Association’s (TIA) Toy Safety Certification ProgramSM (TSCP) and the pending federal Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act. High-profile industry speakers will include: Elizabeth Borrelli, Executive Director of the Toy Industry Association; Susan DeRagon, Associate Director of Toys and Toy Premiums at STR; Bryce Carson, President of STR-Registrar; and other industry experts.

The seminars will provide toy manufacturers, importers, and retailers with the information and strategies they need to begin evaluating their QA programs and to comply with the mandated testing requirements for all toy products sold in the United States that will go into effect in 2009. Topics to be covered will include:

- Design hazard and risk assessment
- Manufacturing process audits
- Product testing
- Product certification
- Lead requirements

“As quality and safety reform in the toy industry continues to move forward, toy manufacturers, importers and retailers need to begin evaluating their QA programs now to comply with

expected future regulations,” said Susan DeRagon, Associate Director of Toys and Toy Premiums at STR. “These seminars will provide an in-depth review of the upcoming regulations so that companies can prepare now for these important industry changes.”

The seminars will be held at the following locations and times:

- Los Angeles, CA
July 15, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wilshire Grand Los Angeles
- Rosemont, IL
July 17, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Westin O’Hare
- New York, NY
July 22, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Fashion Institute of Technology

The seminars offer participants the opportunity to earn .3 IACET CEUs. For registration and other information on the seminars, please contact: Lauralee Soli at lauralee.soli@strus.com or 860-265-3543.

Enfield, CT-based Specialized Technology Resources, Inc. (STR) is a privately held U.S. owned company that provides testing, audit, inspection, and responsible sourcing services to help clients have the highest level of confidence in the quality, safety, and social standards of their products and systems. With sophisticated laboratories and inspectors/auditors in over 70 countries, STR has been providing services to major manufacturers, importers, and retailers of garments/textiles, toys/toy premiums, electronics/electrical equipment, and general merchandise around the world for over 60 years.

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