

Update of STR’s Accreditations for CPSIA Third-Party Testing

STR’s U.K. laboratory has joined STR laboratories in Enfield (Connecticut), Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzhen as accredited laboratories approved by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to provide mandatory third-party testing to evaluate compliance with the U.S. federal restrictions on lead-containing paint under 16 CFR Part 1303.

Our Enfield, Hong Kong and Shenzhen laboratories have also been accredited by the CPSC to provide mandatory third-party testing to evaluate compliance with U.S. federal small parts regulations under 16 CFR Part 1501 and pacifier regulations under 16 CFR Part 1511.

Mandatory third-party laboratory certification of specific children’s products is part of the testing requirements under the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). According to the regulatory timeline, lead paint testing to 16 CFR 1303 is the first item that requires mandatory third-party testing and applies to products manufactured on or after December 21, 2008. The third-party testing requirements for pacifiers apply to products manufactured on or after January 20, 2009, and the third-party testing requirement for small parts applies to products manufactured on or after February 15, 2009.

Third-party certification does not replace general conformity certification. It is required **in addition to and in support of** general conformity certification. Later this week, the CPSC is due to publish its third-party accreditation requirements for the testing of children’s metal jewelry. Third-party certification for this product category will then be required for products manufactured after a yet-to-be-determined date in March of 2009.

The following table summarizes STR laboratories’ current accreditation status and the CPSIA third-party certification implementation dates as established by the CPSC:

Regulation	STR Accredited Laboratories					Third-party testing required for products manufactured on or after:
	Hong Kong	Shenzhen	Enfield	Shanghai	U.K.	
Lead Paint (16 CFR 1303)	X	X	X	X	X	December 21, 2008
Pacifiers (16 CFR 1511)	X	X	X			January 20, 2009
Small Parts (16 CFR Part 1501)	X	X	X			February 15, 2009

Current list of [CPSC accredited laboratories](#).

STR laboratories are poised to assist our clients in complying with the new testing and certification requirements required under the CPSIA. Our hazard prevention program for toys includes comprehensive design evaluation, safety testing, audit, inspection as well as responsible sourcing services. For more information, contact us at info@STRQuality.com.