



CPSC exempts third-party testing requirements for specific fibers

On June 1, 2020, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission published a final rule (16 CFR 1253) in the Federal Register Notices .The final rule that the content of ASTM F963 soluble elements or phthalates in several unfinished manufactured fibers will not exceed the limits for toys and child care products. Therefore, this type of fiber does not require third-party testing to prove compliance with the eight soluble elements specified in ASTM F963 or the eight phthalates specified in 16 CFR 1307. The rule will take effect on July 1, 2020. The specific exemptions are as follows:

Item	Product Range	Unfinished Manufactured Fibers
Soluble heavy element(ASTM F963)	Toy	(1) Nylon; (2) Polyurethane (Spandex); (3) Viscose Rayon; (4) Acrylic and Modacrylic; and (5) Natural Rubber Latex.
Phthalates (16 CFR part 1307)	Toys and children's products	(1) Polyester (polyethylene terephthalate, PET); (2) Nylon; (3) Polyurethane (Spandex); (4) Viscose Rayon; (5) Acrylic and Modacrylic; and (6) Natural Rubber Latex

Note: An unfinished manufactured fiber is one that has no chemical additives beyond those required to manufacture the fiber. For unfinished manufactured fibers as defined in this rule, the unfinished manufactured fiber is free of any chemical additives added to impart color or some desirable performance property, such as flame retardancy.

Original link:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-06-01/pdf/2020-09991.pdf>

HCT SOLUTION :

Although the above unprocessed unfinished manufactured fibers are exempted from third-party testing, their soluble metal and phthalate content still need to comply with regulatory requirements,. Relevant enterprises should ensure that the materials meet the requirements of this rule before using the exemption to ensure product compliance. HCT has a professional technical team and rich experience in restricted substance management and control, which can develop personalized solutions for customers and help enterprises respond calmly.

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