

<b>Product Responsibility Best Practices</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b> Creating CPCs/GCCs		<b>LAST UPDATE</b> July 2019
	<b>APPLIES TO</b> • Suppliers • Distributors • Third-party decorators	<b>FOCUS ON</b> Children's Product Certificates and General Certificates of Conformity	
	<b>QUICK LINKS</b> • PPAI Corporate Responsibility: <a href="http://ppai.org/corporate-responsibility">http://ppai.org/corporate-responsibility</a> • UL: <a href="http://industries.ul.com/premiums-promotional-and-licensed-goods">industries.ul.com/premiums-promotional-and-licensed-goods</a> • Consumer Product Safety Commission: <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov">www.cpsc.gov</a>		<b>Intended for intermediate compliance programs</b>

*Italic grey text indicates a hyperlink listed in the Online Resources section of this document.*

Sample Children's Product Certificate (CPC) Format From Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

This is the information required by the CPSC. There is no standard format for providing this information.

### CHILDREN'S PRODUCT CERTIFICATE

1. Identification of the product covered by this certificate
2. Citation to each CPSC product safety regulation to which this product is being certified
3. Identification of the U.S. importer or domestic manufacturer certifying compliance of the product
4. Contact information for the individual maintaining records of test results
5. Date and place where this product was manufactured
6. Date and place where this product was tested for compliance with the regulation cited above
7. Identification of any third-party laboratory on whose testing the certificate depends

## Background

As a result of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), all items intended primarily for use by children 12 years of age or younger must undergo third-party testing and be accompanied by a Children's Product Certificate (CPC).

Third party testing is performed by a CPSC accepted laboratory that is able to perform the specific tests for each children's product safety rule. Third party testing exists in order to have an objective, unbiased laboratory ensure that each product is properly tested and compliant with the law.

Standard	Regulated Products
Lead in paint and surface coatings limit (90ppm)	All children's products
Lead content in substrate limit (100ppm)	All children's products
Ban on phthalates for certain children's toys and childcare items	Certain toys and child-care articles
Ban on small parts	Products for children younger than 3; warning labels for products intended for children between 3 and 6

Once the mandatory tests are completed, the manufacturer of the children's product can generate a CPC. This CPC must accompany the product through the supply chain in either a hard copy or electronic format.

The chart to the left is a summary of consumer product safety standards requiring third-party testing.

## Online Resources:

**PPAI Decorated Children's Apparel Testing Requirements:** <http://www.ppai.org/media/1801/pr-bp-decorated-childrens-apparel-testing.pdf>

**PPAI How to Read Compliance Documents:** <http://www.ppai.org/media/1838/pr-guide-how-to-read-compliance-documents.pdf>

**PPAI Product Responsibility FAQs:** <http://www.ppai.org/corporate-responsibility/product-responsibility/product-responsibility-faqs/>

**Listing of CPSC-accepted Laboratories:** [www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/labsearch/](http://www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/labsearch/)

**Sample Certificate of Compliance:** [www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Testing-Certification/General-Certificate-of-Conformity-GCC/](http://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Testing-Certification/General-Certificate-of-Conformity-GCC/)

**Children's Product Certificate:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Testing-Certification/Childrens-Product-Certificate-CPC>

**Children's Products:** <https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/childrens-products/>

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