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Introduction to the CPSC eFiling Quick **Start Guide**

The Updated Series

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) released the "eFiling Quick Start Guide" on 9 July 2024, to assist importers in complying with the new mandatory eFiling requirements for consumer product safety certification.

Significance

The eFiling Quick Start Guide:

- Explains the eFiling initiative and product certification requirements;
- Provides guidance on common questions and challenges new participants may encounter;
- Offers implementation tips and best practices based on feedback CPSC has received to date; and
- Supports importers and their trade partners through the transition to eFiling with guidance, actionable next steps, and information on support services.

This Quick Start Guide serves as a crucial resource for companies involved in importing consumer products into the U.S., and it critically outlines the procedures for electronically filing product certificates via the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system, which is set to become a key part of the import process.

The guide breaks down the eFiling process into three stages, offering checklists and best practices for each phase. It also addresses common questions and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in the process. This is especially important as the CPSC moves towards a more streamlined and efficient system for product safety certification, which will be mandatory for importing goods into the U.S. under the new system.

For manufacturers and importers, the guide is a critical tool to ensure compliance with upcoming regulatory changes and to avoid potential disruptions in their supply chain

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