

CPSC Overview



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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

- An independent federal agency
- Established in May 1973
- Responsible for consumer product safety functions of the federal government
- Five Commissioners, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate

Mission



Protecting the public against unreasonable risks of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, regulation, and enforcement.

U.S. Estimated Annual Losses Associated with Consumer Products

37,200
Deaths

38.3 Million
Injuries

\$1 Trillion
Societal Costs

Consumer Products EXCLUDED from CPSC Jurisdiction

“... any article which is not customarily produced or distributed for sale to, or use or consumption by, or enjoyment of, a consumer...”²

- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, firearms and explosives (BATFE)
- Motor vehicles and equipment (NHTSA)
- Pesticides (EPA)
- Aircraft (FAA)
- Boats (Coast Guard)
- Food and drugs (USDA and FDA)
- Occupational products (OSHA)
- Fixed-site amusement park rides (State jurisdiction)



²Section 3(a)(5)(A) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2052 (a)(5)(A)

Technical Regulations

Regulatory process can be started by vote of the Commission or by a petition from an interested party.

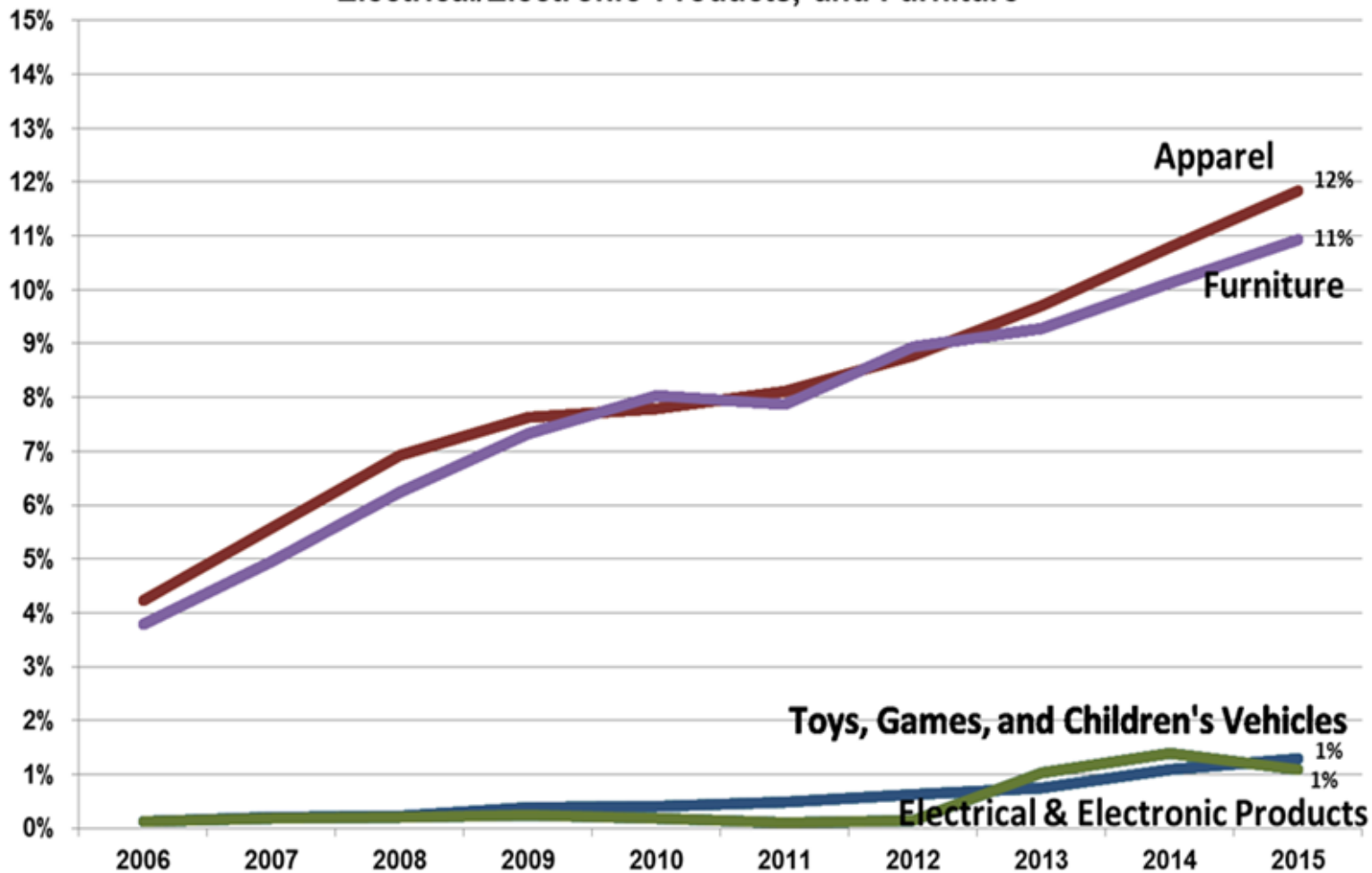
CPSC statutes specify that voluntary standards should be relied upon whenever possible. A regulation may be issued if:

the current voluntary standard does not adequately reduce the risk

or

there is not substantial compliance.

Vietnam's Share of Total Imports of Toys, Apparel, Electrical/Electronic Products, and Furniture



Source: U.S. International Trade Commission statistics and Directorate for Economic Analysis calculations.