

## **United States of America (USA) Standards**

Imports of a wide range of products such as toys, children articles, bicycles, fireworks, flammable fabrics, cigarette lighters, electronic products, food and drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, motor vehicles and boats etc. would be refused entry if it fails to comply with applicable product safety standard or regulation or specified labeling or certification requirements administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

The CPSC strongly recommends that manufacturers full comply with both CPSC mandatory standards and private sector voluntary standards. Although private sector standards are conceived as voluntary requirements, products that fail to comply with them may be considered to present a "substantial product hazard" and will be refused entry into the US

Certain major household appliances must comply with applicable energy standards specified by the Department of Energy. These appliances include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes dryers, water heaters, room air conditioners, home heating equipment, pool heaters, furnaces, fluorescent lamps, faucets, showerheads, toilets, and urinals. In addition, these appliances are required to be labelled to indicate expected energy consumption or efficiency

Imported goods are usually required to be marked with the country of origin in English. The marking has to be permanent, legible and conspicuous. Additional labeling is required on food, cosmetics, textiles and apparel, selected household products and flammable fabrics.

### **Useful Links**

1. <http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/reg1.html>
2. <http://www.cbp.gov/>

**A list of Import Standards & Regulations:**

S.No.	Import Regulations	Link	Sectors Applicable
1	USDA Import Regulations for food	<a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/ofsts/us.html">http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/ofsts/us.html</a>	Food Processing
2	Section 13 Import Certification	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec13.html">http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec13.html</a>	All
3	Section 12(b) Export Notification	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec12.html">http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec12.html</a>	All
4	TSCA Section 5 Pre-Manufacture Notice Requirement for Import of New Chemicals/Uses	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec5.html">http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec5.html</a>	Chemicals
5	TSCA Section 4 Testing and Section 8 Information Reporting	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec4.html">http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-export/pubs/sec4.html</a>	Chemicals
6	Tips for New Importers and Exporters	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/diduknow.xml">http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/diduknow.xml</a>	All
7	Importing into the United States	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/newsroom/publications/trade/iius.ctt/iius.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/newsroom/publications/trade/iius.ctt/iius.pdf</a>	All
8	Importing Textiles and Apparels into the U.S	<a href="http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/eamain.nsf/6e1600e39721316c852570ab0056f719/e881952e8c64f497852576850049c6dc?OpenDocument">http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/eamain.nsf/6e1600e39721316c852570ab0056f719/e881952e8c64f497852576850049c6dc?OpenDocument</a>	Textiles and apparel
9	Laws and Regulations under which Import Administration works	<a href="http://ia.ita.doc.gov/regs/index.html">http://ia.ita.doc.gov/regs/index.html</a>	All
10	Articles of Wax, Artificial Stone and Jewelry	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp016.ctt/icp016.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp016.ctt/icp016.pdf</a>	Gems & Jewellery
11	Ball Bearings	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/ballbearings.ctt/ballbearings.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/ballbearings.ctt/ballbearings.pdf</a>	Engineering Goods
12	Beauty and Skin Care Products	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp84.ctt/icp84.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp84.ctt/icp84.pdf</a>	Pharmaceuticals
13	Classification: Apparel Terminology under the	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp057.ctt/icp057.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp057.ctt/icp057.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
14	Classification and Entry Requirements of Alcoholic Beverages and Spirits	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp_spirits.ctt/icp_spirits.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp_spirits.ctt/icp_spirits.pdf</a>	Food Processing
15	Classification and Marking of Pipe Fittings Under Heading 7307	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/cm_pipe_fittings.ctt/cm_pipe_fittings.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/cm_pipe_fittings.ctt/cm_pipe_fittings.pdf</a>	Plastics

16	Classification and Quota Status of Raw Cotton Under the HTSUS	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp002r2.ctt/icp02.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp002r2.ctt/icp02.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
17	Classification of Coated and Water Resistant Apparel	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/apparel_coated.ctt/apparel_coated.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/apparel_coated.ctt/apparel_coated.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
18	Classification of Hats and Other Headgear Under HTSUS Heading 6505	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp034.ctt/icp034.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp034.ctt/icp034.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
19	Classification of Knit to Shape Apparel Garments Under HTSUS Heading 6110	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp083.ctt/icp083.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp083.ctt/icp083.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
20	Classification of Textile Costumes Under the HTSUS	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp077.ctt/icp077.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp077.ctt/icp077.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
21	Coffee	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp085.ctt/icp085.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp085.ctt/icp085.pdf</a>	Food Processing
22	Country of Origin of Knit to Shape Apparel Products	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp033c.ctt/icp033c.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp033c.ctt/icp033c.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
23	Footwear	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp022.ctt/icp022.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp022.ctt/icp022.pdf</a>	Leather
24	Gloves, Mittens & Mitts, Not Knitted or Crocheted, Under the HTSUS	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp029.ctt/icp029.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp029.ctt/icp029.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
25	Machine Tools	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp080.ctt/icp080.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp080.ctt/icp080.pdf</a>	Engineering Goods
26	Marking Requirements for Wearing Apparel	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp039.ctt/icp039.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp039.ctt/icp039.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
27	Peanuts and their Classification under the HTSUS	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp009r2.ctt/icp009r2.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp009r2.ctt/icp009r2.pdf</a>	Food Processing
28	Classification and Quota Status of Raw Cotton Under the HTSUS	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp002r2.ctt/icp02.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp002r2.ctt/icp02.pdf</a>	Food Processing
29	Tariff Classification	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp017r2.ctt/icp017r2.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp017r2.ctt/icp017r2.pdf</a>	All
30	Textile & Apparel Rules of Origin	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp006r3.ctt/icp006r3.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp006r3.ctt/icp006r3.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel

31	Classification of Textile Costumes Under the HTSUS	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp077.ctt/icp077.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp077.ctt/icp077.pdf</a>	Textiles and apparel
32	Vehicles, Parts and Accessories	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp015r2.ctt/icp015.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp015r2.ctt/icp015.pdf</a>	Auto Components
33	Vehicles, Parts and Accessories	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp046.ctt/icp046.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/informed_compliance_pubs/icp046.ctt/icp046.pdf</a>	Auto Components
34	Agricultural Marketing Service Importation Inspection Service	<a href="http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/directives/3250-007b.ctt/3250-007b.pdf">http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/directives/3250-007b.ctt/3250-007b.pdf</a>	Food Processing