



Hardline Testing: Technical updates

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16 CFR 1261

New consumer product Safety Standard for Clothing Storage Units (CSUs) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Main objective:

Reduce the risk of death and injury associated with clothing storage units tipping over, especially for children.

A Clothing Storage Unit is defined as a consumer product that is a freestanding furniture item, with drawer(s) and/or door(s), that may be reasonably expected to be used for storing clothing.

Common names for clothing storage units include, but are not limited to chests, bureaus, dressers, armoires, wardrobes, chests of drawers, drawer chests, chifforobes, and door chests.

Exemptions are given to Clothes lockers and Portable storage closets.

This new safety standard establishes the following key requirements of 16 CFR 1261:

- Requirements for interlocks
- Requirements for stability
- Requirements for marking and labelling
- Requirements to provide performance and technical data by labelling (Hangtags)
- Prohibited stockpiling.

This rule requires manufacturers of CSUs to test to the 16 CFR 1261 requirements at a CPSC-accepted third-party laboratory for Certification per rule 16 CFR 1110.

The final rule will go into effect on May 24, 2023, and apply to the CSUs manufactured after that date.

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