

## Monthly Review Methodology

We check official sources on a monthly basis to assess if we need to make changes to the product compliance information tool databank. This document explains how this process works.

### Sources Overview

We review the following websites during the first week of each month. Note that the scope is limited to product categories covered by the product compliance information tool. For example, we don't review updates concerning cosmetics and food standards - which are not covered by the product compliance information tool.

Website	Links	Review Scope
eur-lex.europa.eu	<a href="#">Link</a>	Children's Products, Electronics, Textiles, Food Contact Materials, PPE, Home Products, Packaging Materials, General Consumer Product Updates
ECHA	<a href="#">Link (News)</a> <a href="#">Link (Consultations)</a>	General Consumer Product Updates (e.g. not chemicals/cosmetics/pharmaceuticals)
Ec.europa.eu (REACH) Added 2021-05-06	<a href="#">Link</a>	General Consumer Product Updates (e.g. not chemicals/cosmetics/pharmaceuticals)
CPSC	<a href="#">Link (News)</a> <a href="#">Link (Federal Registry)</a> <a href="#">Link (FOIA Report List)</a>	Children's Products, General Consumer Product Updates
FDA	<a href="#">Link</a>	Food Contact Materials, Sunglasses
USDA APHIS	<a href="#">Link</a>	Wooden Handicrafts, Wooden Packaging
FCC	<a href="#">Link</a>	Consumer Electronics
FTC	<a href="#">Link</a>	General Consumer Product Updates
EPA Link updated 2021-04-07	<a href="#">Link</a>	Wooden Handicrafts, Wooden Packaging
OEHHA Added 2021-02-08	<a href="#">Link</a>	General Consumer Product Updates
TPCH Added 2021-04-07	<a href="#">Link</a>	Packaging Materials

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a. We review each news item/update and classify as follows:

- (1) New compliance requirement
- (2) Updated compliance requirement
- (3) Proposal
- (4) Recall
- (5) Other

b. We take a closer look at (1) and (2) to assess if the new or updated compliance requirements necessitate an update to the product compliance information tool databank. This is not always the case.

c. We do not cover product recalls or other news/updates that don't directly concern (1) and (2)

### When is the tool not updated?

For example, we don't make changes when:

- (1) Substance limits are changed within the scope of existing substance regulations (e.g. REACH). This is also the case if new substances are added.
- (2) New product standards are released or changed

### Why?

- (1) The Product Compliance Information Tool does not cover definitive information about product standards and substance limits.
- (2) Our recommendation is that importers and exporters get help from a third-party testing company to make an up to date assessment based on their specific products and materials - regardless of whether substance regulations or product standards have changed or been added.
- (3) Importers and exporters can only buy up to date standards documentation from ASTM, BSI, and other online standards stores. The Product Compliance Information Tool does not include standards documentation.

### When is the tool updated?

We make changes when there is an update to the overall product compliance requirements that directly impact the process as managed by the importer or exporter.

(1) New documentation requirements

(2) New product or packaging labeling requirements

Note that we only review the sources presented in this document. That said, we cannot offer any guarantees that the information is kept up to date in real-time, or that we catch everything.

## Monthly Report

We release monthly compliance requirements updates to active Product Compliance Information Tool subscribers on or around the 10th of each month. These updates are delivered through your account (see Monthly Reports in the Dashboard) and email broadcasts.

## Important Information

This report contains summaries of news items published on the official source websites we review on a monthly basis. We only review information available on the listed source websites. We don't guarantee that we catch everything, or that the information is free of error.