

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



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Today's Agenda

- Overview of CPSC
- CPSC Office of International Programs
- CPSC Asia-Pacific Office



Overview of CPSC





U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

- An independent federal agency
- Established 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. Consumer Product
Safety Commission**



Products EXCLUDED from CPSC Jurisdiction

- Food and drugs (USDA and FDA)
- Motor vehicles and equipment (NHTSA)
- Aircraft (FAA)
- Boats (Coast Guard)
- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, firearms, and explosives (BATFE)



Agency Size

- **Relatively small federal agency**

- ~530 employees authorized for 2010
- 978 full-time employees in early 1980s



- **CPSC budget for fiscal year 2011**

- Up almost 50 percent since fiscal year 2008
- Increased resources related to Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008



Product Safety Standards

- In general, CPSC statutes set a preference for voluntary private sector standards.
- Private sector voluntary standards are often developed with the participation of CPSC staff.



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008

- New requirements for children's products primarily intended for children 12 years old and younger:
 - Lead content in accessible components
 - Lead in paint and surface coatings
 - Phthalates
 - Tracking labels
 - Third party testing by CPSC-accepted labs
 - Compliance certificates issued by importers



New Publicly Available Consumer Product Safety Information Database

www.SaferProducts.gov

Went “live” on
March 11, 2011



CPSC Office of International Programs



Office of International Programs

Mission: To help ensure the safety of imported consumer products used in the United States



Global Outreach



Building safety into all stages
of manufacturing process



Common message to supplier
countries

Global Outreach

Regulatory/Standards Alignment

■ Case: Pilot Alignment Initiative



Window Coverings



Booster Seats



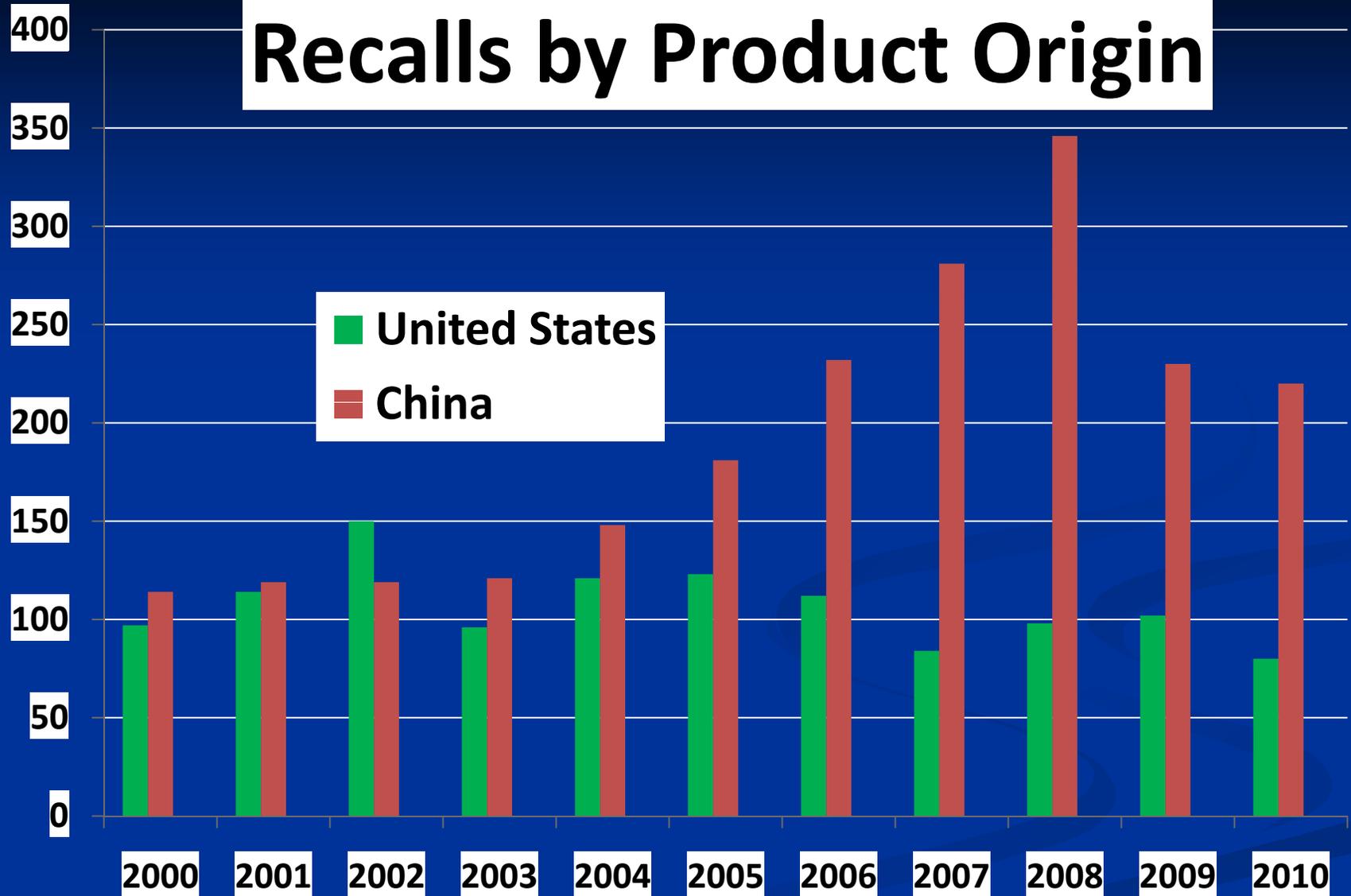
Baby Slings



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GENERAL



Recalls by Product Origin



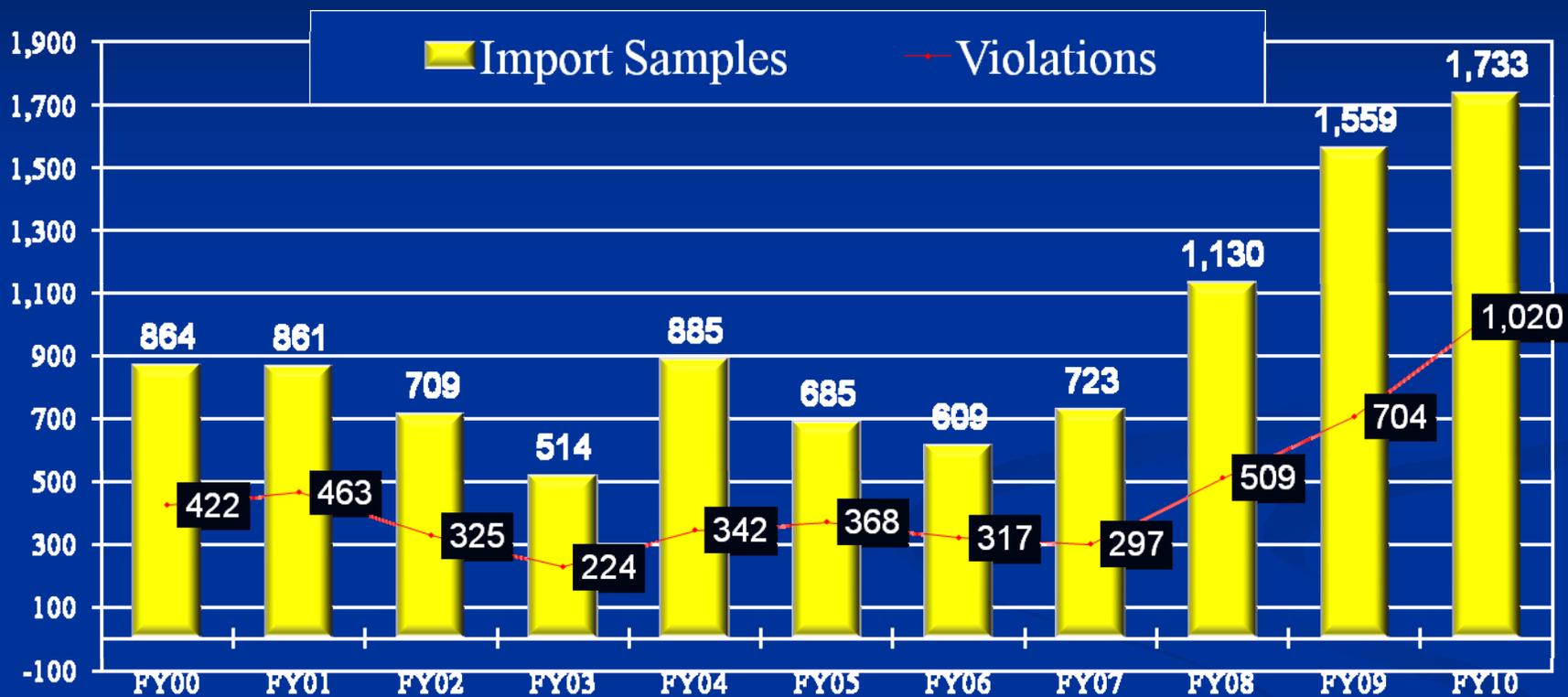
CPSC Recalls of Children's Products

Oct. 2010 – Mar. 2011

TYPE	NUMBER	PRIMARY HAZARD
Apparel & Footwear	19	Choking (11); Strangulation (8)
Toys	11	Choking (7); Strangulation (2); Burns (1); Laceration (1)
Cribs	9	Suffocation (9)
Strollers	5	Strangulation (4); Laceration (1)
Other	<u>21</u>	Various
TOTAL	65 recalls of children's products – of which 47 were manufactured in China.	



Import Samples/Violations



CPSC Asia-Pacific Office, Beijing



CPSC Asia-Pacific Office

Activities Include...

- Dialogue with Regulators
- MOU Implementation
- Regulatory Alignment
- Exchange of Best Practices
- Training
- Two-Way Communication with Private Sector



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