
REFRIGERATOR SAFETY ACT
(Codified at 15 U.S.C. 1211–1214)

(Public Law 84-930, 70 Stat. 953, August 2, 1956)

NOTE—See section 30 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (p. 58) which transferred the functions of the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission under the Refrigerator Safety Act to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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(References in brackets [] are to the United States Code and the Code of Federal Regulations)

(References in braces { } are editorial insertions)

{SEC. 1.} [15 U.S.C. 1211]

It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce any household refrigerator manufactured on or after the date this section takes effect unless it is equipped with a device, enabling the door thereof to be opened from the inside, which conforms with standards prescribed pursuant to section 3.

SEC. 2. [15 U.S.C. 1212]

Any person who violates the first section of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

{Modified by 18 U.S.C. 3571 as follows—

Organizations:

Not more than \$200,000 if the offense does not result in death.

Not more than \$500,000 if the offense results in death.

Individuals:

Not more than \$100,000 if the offense does not result in death.

Not more than \$250,000 if the offense results in death.}

SEC. 3. [15 U.S.C. 1213]

The Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe and publish in the Federal Register commercial standards for devices which, when used in or on household refrigerators, will enable the doors thereof to be opened easily from the inside; and the standards first established under this section shall be so prescribed and published not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act. **{16 C.F.R. Part 1750}**

SEC. 4. [15 U.S.C. 1214]

As used in this Act, the term “interstate commerce” includes commerce between one State, Territory, possession, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and another State, Territory, possession, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

SEC. 5. [15 U.S.C. 1211n]

This Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment, except that the first section of this Act shall take effect one year and 90 days after the date of publication of commercial standards first established under section 3 of this Act. In the event of a change in said commercial standards first established, a like period shall be allowed for compliance with said change in commercial standards.

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