

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
OF HONG KONG, CHINA
REGARDING COOPERATION IN
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY**

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**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Customs and Excise Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (C&ED), hereinafter referred to as the "Participants,"

RECOGNIZING that the CPSC is an independent federal regulatory agency formed to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products and is charged with implementing the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), the U.S. Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), the U.S. Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), the U.S. Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA), the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act, the Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act and the U.S. Refrigerator Safety Act (RSA);

RECOGNIZING that the C&ED is a government department responsible for consumer protection and is charged with enforcing the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance, Chapter 424, and Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance, Chapter 456, Laws of Hong Kong, to protect the public against hazards posed by toys, specified children's products, and consumer goods supplied in Hong Kong; and

RECOGNIZING that the laws of the United States of America and Hong Kong, China may contain certain restrictions on information disclosure, and that nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) calls on the Participants to provide information if such disclosure is prohibited by the laws, other applicable regulations, or enforcement policies in their respective countries;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

PART – I

The Participants understand that any and all activities under this MOU are subject to the availability of funds and resources, and the laws governing the respective Participants, and intend to:

- Voluntarily exchange unrestricted information* and documents relating to consumer product safety and the welfare and awareness of consumers;
- Develop and/or participate in training programs for officials of either side dealing with the subject of consumer product safety;
- Explore areas of cooperation in multilateral organizations and at events related to product safety; and
- Establish a work plan to conduct the activities under this MOU.

PART – II

To derive maximum benefit from this MOU, the Participants hope to meet periodically through delegations at the appropriate level. The meetings should help to advance the activities listed in Part I of this MOU and other mutually determined programs and facilitate the planning of additional programs in the future.

PART – III

Cooperation under this MOU is expected to begin on the date of signature by both Participants and to continue for a period of three years. The Participants intend to undertake a review of the cooperative relationship between CPSC and C&ED under the MOU on or before the third anniversary date of this MOU. Each Participant intends to provide the other Participant at least 30 days notice of its decision to end its participation under the MOU.

The CPSC contact for cooperation under this MOU is the Director, Office of International Programs and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Consumer Product

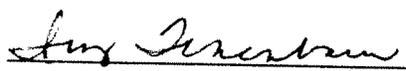
* Unrestricted information is information that may be exchanged without significant restrictions on its use or further disclosure.

Safety Commission, mailing address: 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD, 20814, U.S.A. and e-mail address: international@cpsc.gov.

The C&ED's contact for cooperation under this MOU is the Head of Consumer Protection Bureau (1), mailing address: 14th Floor, Customs Headquarters Building, 222 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, and e-mail address is productsafety@customs.gov.hk.

Signed in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

FOR THE UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION


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CHAIRMAN

January 11, 2011
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FOR THE CUSTOMS AND
EXCISE DEPARTMENT OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG
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YUEN MINGFAI, RICHARD
COMMISSIONER

11 January 2011
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