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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) [2193]

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Neck floats; aquatic toys; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Domestic safety (ICS code(s): 13.120); Equipment for children (ICS code(s): 97.190)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Mandatory Toy Safety Standards: Requirements for Neck Floats; (32 page(s), in English)
- Description of content: Notice of proposed rulemaking The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) mandates that ASTM F963 shall be a mandatory toy safety standard. This toy safety standard sets forth only minimal labeling requirements for aquatic toys such as neck floats. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) proposes to establish new performance and revised labeling requirements to address potentially deadly hazards associated with neck floats. The Commission also proposes to amend CPSC's list of notice of requirements (NORs) to include neck floats.

Section V of the NPR preamble summarizes the provisions of ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-9, ANSI APSP ICC-16, ASTM F833-21, ASTM F1967-19 and ANSI/NEMA Z535.4-2023 that the Commission proposes to incorporate by reference into proposed ( $\underline{16}$  CFR) § 1250.5. The standards are reasonably available to interested parties by permission of the relevant standards developing organization (SDO) to be viewed as a read-only document during the comment period, at:

- <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQVJYMKforANSI/CAN/UL">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQVJYMKforANSI/CAN/UL</a> 12402-9,
- <a href="https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ANSIAPSPICC162017/title-page">https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ANSIAPSPICC162017/title-page</a> for ANSI APSP ICC-16,
- <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQVJYMKforANSI/NEMA">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQVJYMKforANSI/NEMA</a> Z535.4-2023,
- <a href="https://www.astm.org/products-services/reading-room.html">https://www.astm.org/products-services/reading-room.html</a> for ASTM F833-21, and
- <a href="https://www.astm.org/products-services/reading-room.html">https://www.astm.org/products-services/reading-room.html</a> for ASTM F1967-19

**7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements

## 8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 91586, 20 November 2024; <u>Title 16</u> Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts <u>1112</u> and <u>1250</u>:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-11-20/html/2024-25446.htm

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This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number CPSC-2024-0039. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/CPSC-2024-0039/document">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/CPSC-2024-0039/document</a> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <a href="Regulations.gov">Regulations.gov</a> by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <a href="USA TBT Enquiry Point">USA TBT Enquiry Point</a> by or before <a href="4pm">4pm</a> <a href="Eastern Time">Eastern Time</a> on 21 January 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with CPSC and will also be submitted to the <a href="Docket">Docket</a> on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

<u>BS EN 13138-1:2021</u> Buoyant aids for swimming instruction Safety requirements and test methods for buoyant aids to be worn

ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-9 Personal Flotation Devices - Part 9: Test Methods

ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies

<u>ASTM G153-13(2021)</u> Standard Practice for Operating Enclosed Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials

ASTM F833-21 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Carriages and Strollers

ASTM F1967-19 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bath Seats

ANSI/NEMA Z535.4 American National Standard for Product Safety Signs and Labels

AS/NZS 1900:2014 Flotation aids for water

ASTM F2670-22 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Bathtubs

ASTM F3681-24 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Beach Umbrellas and Anchor Devices

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

- 10. Final date for comments: 21 January 2025
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24 07897 00 e.pdf