

New Consumer Product Safety Commission Rules Do Not Apply to Used Book Sellers

Many homeschoolers are contacting HSLDA with concerns over the new draft regulations under consideration by the CPSC due to come out in February.

So far, the battle is halfway won due the public pressure.

According to the new CPSC memo, the new safety law does NOT require resellers or sellers of USED children's BOOKS or products to test them for compliance with the lead limit before they are sold.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09086.html>

See excerpts from the memo below.

"The new law requires that domestic manufacturers and importers certify that children's products made after February 10 meet all the new safety standards and the lead ban. Sellers of used children's products, such as thrift stores and consignment stores, are not required to certify that those products meet the new lead limits or new toy standards.

"The new safety law does not require resellers to test children's products in inventory for compliance with the lead limit before they are sold. However, resellers cannot sell children's products that exceed the lead limit and therefore should avoid products that are likely to have lead content, unless they have testing or other information to indicate the products being sold have less than the new limit. Those resellers that do sell products in violation of the new limits could face civil and/or criminal penalties."

This means homeschool conventions can continue to hold used curriculum sales and booths can operate selling used books. Of course, "yard sales" can continue uninterrupted too.

However, HSLDA is still working on amendments to exclude new books too, along with the lobby efforts of many big book sellers and publishers such as Amazon.com.

You can e-mail or call the office of the CPSC at 888-531-9070 or www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/newleg.aspx

HSLDA will be sending out a general updated email in the next day or two.

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