American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA) Meeting Log
08/26/2024

Attendees:

Jim Joholske	Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
Sabrina Keller	Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
Andrea Rucker-Yarosh	Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
Arthur Laciak	Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
Patricia Bowling	American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA)
Peter Fynboh	Ashley Furniture
L. Goodwin	Unknown
Matt Howsare	Cooley
J. Johnson	Avalon Furniture
M. Lazorchick	Samson Marketing
Kate Lewis	Ethan Allen
Bill Perdue	American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA)
Matt Scalf	Havertys
Harrison Toms	Hooker Furnishings
Danielle Underkoffer	Ashley Furniture
Tom Wise	Sauder

SUBJECT: AHFA eFiling Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 26 August 2024

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Arthur Laciak, EXIS
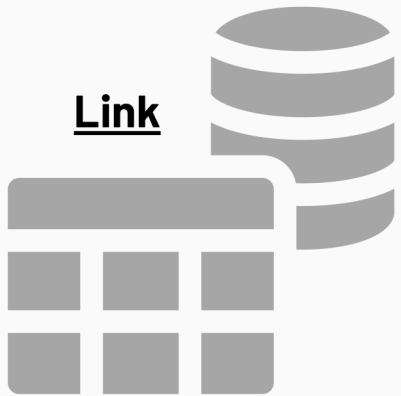
LOCATION: Virtual Web meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETING: CPSC EXIS met with members of the AHFA to discuss participation of furniture companies in eFiling and answer technical questions.

I.   **Reporting challenges of providing lab information**

- AHFA reports difficulties matching lab information on the test reports with lab information found in CPSC's database.
    - Challenges for industry
        - Lab names and address notation do not exactly match.
        - Multiple reports from the same labs have variance in name and address.

- CPSC link availability in CPSC's database are invalid.
- AHFA claims that industry will now need track changes in laboratories' accreditation and scope of testing.
  - AHFA claims that eFiling requires industry to use CPSC-accredited laboratories for GCCs.
    - EXIS corrects this and states that eFiling is not changing any current testing requirements.
  - Challenges for industry
    - Changes within approved testing scope could affect validity of testing.
    - Industry will need a method of maintaining/verifying current approved testing scopes within each uniquely accredited lab.
      - Ashley Furniture reports that they need to employ AI to extract data from lab reports, which smaller businesses will not be able to do.
  - EXIS states that the CPSC laboratory database is maintained and updated on a daily basis.
  - EXIS states that accredited laboratories should not test for citations that the laboratory does not have accreditation for. Laboratories should communicate any changes in accreditation to the business before conducting testing.
- AHFA states that industry will need to develop tech to validate results in several dimensions, including:
  - Lab information from test report
  - Item/component from test report
  - Rule/regulation from test report
  - Vendor information from test report

Reporting Challenges - Lab Information Verification
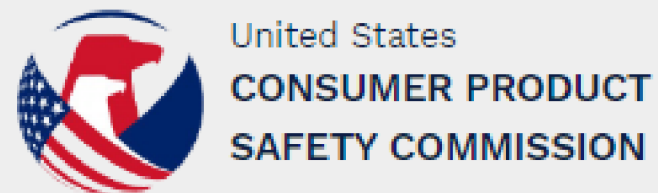
Link

CPSC - Accredited Laboratories

CPSC Database Data

Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, Turkey

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TEST REPORT

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Laboratory Information from Test Report
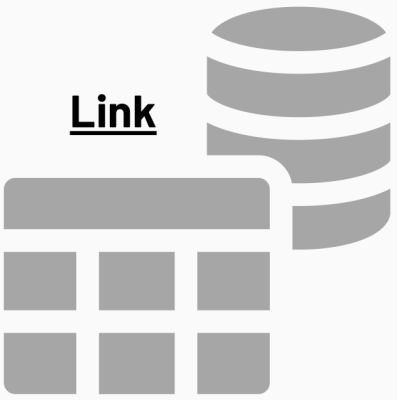
Test Report

Challenges for Industry

⊗ Lab Names do not match exactly

⊗ Address notation does not match exactly

⊗ Multiple reports from same Labs have variance

⊗ CPSC Link to Lab Website is invalid

Regulation requires reporting of specific Laboratory Identification Information

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Reporting Challenges - Lab Approved Testing Scope

Regulation requires usage of accredited laboratories and approved testing scope

Challenges for Industry

- ⊗ Changes within approved testing scope could affect validity of testing
- ⊗ Industry will need a method of maintaining/verifying current approved testing scopes within each uniquely Accredited Lab

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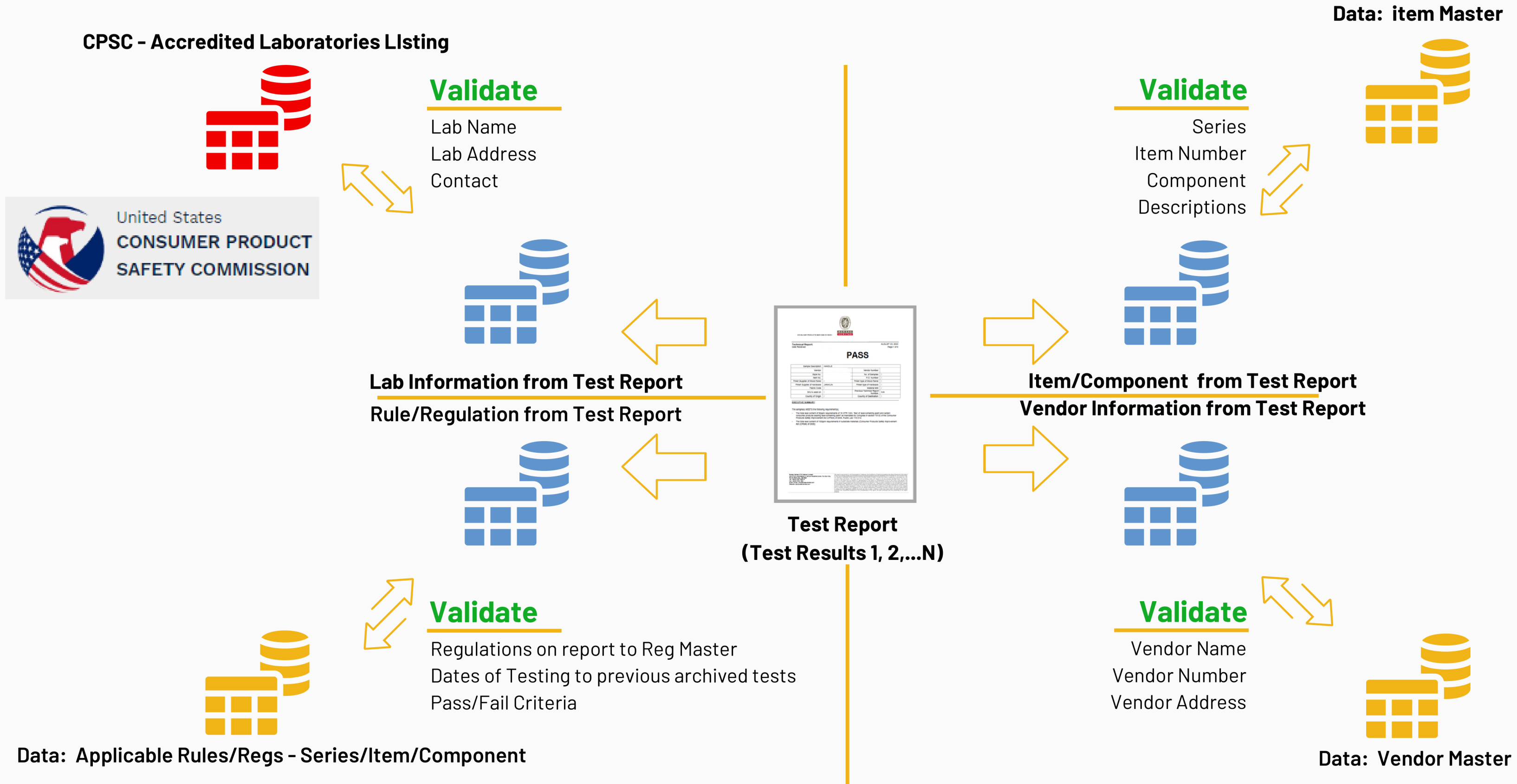United States
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Each Accredited Lab has a **unique** range of approved testing scope

Scope Name	Regulatory Reference	Special Scope Notation	Certificate Number	CPSC Approval Date	Orig. CPSC Approval Date
Determination of Phthalates - 16 CFR Part 1307	CPSC-CH-C1001-09.4		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	02/05/2019
Lead in Children's Metal Jewelry	CPSC-CH-E1001-08 and/or CPSC-CH-E1001-08.1 and/or CPSC-CH-E1001-08.2 and/or CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	11/19/2010
Lead in Children's Metal Products	CPSC-CH-E1001-08 and/or CPSC-CH-E1001-08.1 and/or CPSC-CH-E1001-08.2 and/or CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	11/19/2010
Lead in Non-Metal Children's Products	CPSC-CH-E1002-08 and/or CPSC-CH-E1002-08.1 and/or CPSC-CH-E1002-08.2 and/or CPSC-CH-E1002-08.3		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	11/19/2010
Lead Paint Regulation	16 CFR Part 1303 (CPSC-CH-E1003-09 or CPSC-CH-E1003-09.1)		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	09/17/2012
Small Parts Regulation	16 CFR Part 1501		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	02/12/2009
Standard for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear: Sizes 0 through 6X (FF 3-71)	16 CFR Part 1615		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	10/02/2018
Standard for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear: Sizes 7 through 14 (FF 5-74)	16 CFR Part 1616		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	10/02/2018
Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles	16 CFR Part 1610		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	11/19/2010
Surface Flammability of Carpets and Rugs	16 CFR Part 1630		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	11/19/2010
Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs	16 CFR Part 1631		AB-0505-T	05/23/2023	11/19/2010

The industry utilizes many laboratories around the world. Every company will require development of tech to align and track changes in accreditation.

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Primary Data Validation Dimensions: Test Report Data

Data: item Master

CPSC – Accredited Laboratories LIsting

Validate
Lab Name
Lab Address
Contact

Validate
Series
Item Number
Component
Descriptions

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Lab Information from Test Report
Rule/Regulation from Test Report

Item/Component from Test Report
Vendor Information from Test Report

PASS

**Test Report
(Test Results 1, 2,...N)**

Validate
Regulations on report to Reg Master
Dates of Testing to previous archived tests
Pass/Fail Criteria

Validate
Vendor Name
Vendor Number
Vendor Address

Data: Applicable Rules/Regs – Series/Item/Component

Data: Vendor Master

The Industry will need to develop tech to validate results in several dimensions.

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