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Dear Valued Distributors and Retailers:

This letter is a response to your correspondence concerning the requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) which was recently enacted on August 14, 2008.

The CPSIA expanded the safety requirements of children's products including the reduction of lead limits in children's products, the reduction of lead limits in paint and surface coatings of children's products, and the definition of phthalates limits in children's toys and child care articles. The CPSIA also imposed new requirements relating to certifications, third party testing and product labeling upon such children's products, children's toys and child care articles.

- "Children's products" are defined in Section 3(a)(16) of the Consumer Product Safety Act as consumer products designed or intended primarily for children 12 years of age or younger.
- "Children's toys" are defined in Section 108(e)(B) of the CPSIA as consumer products designed or intended by the manufacturer for a child 12 years of age or younger for use by the child when the child plays.
- "Child care articles" are defined in Section 108(e)(C) of the CPSIA as consumer products designed or intended by the manufacturer to facilitate sleep or the feeding of children age 3 and younger, or to help such children with sucking or teething.

Corwin is a leading publisher serving the field of PreK–12 education. The Corwin booklist targets school principals, administrators, specialists, teachers, and other educational practitioners. Such books are intended to be used by the education professional and are not intended to be used by any child. ***The CPSIA is therefore not applicable to Corwin since it does not manufacture "children's products", "children's toys" or "child care articles".***

Please note that although we are not subject to the new requirements of the CPSIA, many of our suppliers and vendors will be required to comply with the CPSIA to continue their contractual relations with their other customers who do manufacture children's products, children's toys, and/or child care articles. As such, these suppliers and vendors have taken the necessary measures to meet the new requirements of the CPSIA.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Corwin representative.

Best regards,

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