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**Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA)
Facts about Third Party Testing and Certification for Printing Inks**

Following is current information related to the third party testing and certification requirements of the CPSIA for children's products. For additional CPSIA information please visit the members' area of the NAPIM website (www.napim.org)

- Printing inks used in printing children's books are not subject to any of the CPSC regulations because they are not classified as consumer products.
- In late December of 2009 (Federal Register December 28th, 2009), the CPSC has extended its stay of enforcement of the CPSIA 2008 third party testing and certification for lead content in children's products until February 10, 2011. Specifically, only children's products manufactured after this date will be subject to the third party testing and certification requirements.
- The test method specified by the CPSC (CPSC CH-E1002-08) for total lead content determination in children's products is designed for use with articles and cannot be used for printing inks.
- As of this date, the CPSC has not issued guidance or regulations on the use of component testing for compliance with the third party testing and certification requirements relative to lead content in children's products.

Please contact George Fuchs at the NAPIM office if you have any questions.