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Parties to the Agreements

- The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ)
- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff

Overview of Summit Agreements

- Toy Working Group Plan
- Fireworks Working Group Plan
- Lighters Working Group Plan
- Electrical Working Group Plan

Toy Working Group Plan (1)

- Greater Information Exchange
 - CPSC will provide U.S. laws and regulations in English and Chinese
 - AQSIQ will publicize and distribute materials to Chinese toy manufacturers
 - The information exchange will focus initially on age determination guidelines; the rules concerning lead paint on toys; and labeling requirements

Toy Working Group (2a)

- Recall Notification and Follow Up (U.S. side)
 - CPSC will notify AQSIQ of all recalls involving toys, providing the names and addresses of Chinese manufacturers and/or exporters where available
 - CPSC will also provide test reports and injury reports where available and appropriate
 - CPSC will follow up with U.S. importers as appropriate to prevent similar problems from recurring

Toy Working Group (2b)

- Recall Follow Up (Chinese side)
 - AQSIQ will follow up with Chinese producers, ensuring that corrective action is taken to prevent similar problems from recurring
 - AQSIQ will provide other useful information as available and appropriate, such as the existence of similar products made by the same manufacturer for other importers and posing similar hazards

Toy Working Group (3)

- Technical Exchange and Cooperation
 - To improve technical knowledge of testing to U.S. toy standards, AQSIQ will send representatives to the U.S. for training in 2007/2008.

Toy Working Group (4)

- Enhanced Inspections of Toys
 - CPSC will inform AQSIQ of toy categories or issues of special concern
 - AQSIQ will increase inspections for these specific types of problems
 - In particular, AQSIQ will increase inspections of toys for lead paint and proper labeling in accordance with CPSC regulations

Fireworks Working Group (1)

- Exchange Laws and Technical Regulations
 - CPSC will provide AQSIQ the latest U.S. fireworks laws, regulations and test manual in English
 - CPSC and AQSIQ will organize experts to conduct a comprehensive analytical comparison of U.S. and Chinese fireworks standards.
 - CPSC and AQSIQ will work together to increase awareness of CPSC and Chinese fireworks regulations

Fireworks Working Group (2)

- Exchange Technical Information
 - CPSC and AQSIQ will provide each other with information on fireworks incidents and products that do not comply with U.S. regulations, including the identity of importers and manufacturers
 - Goal is to exchange information at least monthly

Fireworks Working Group (3)

- Training and Technical Exchange
 - AQSIQ and CPSC will exchange technical personnel and provide training for laboratory technicians and inspectors at least annually
 - The goals of the technical exchange are to improve inspection accuracy and efficiency; and to strengthen inspections of manufacturers who produce non-compliant fireworks

Fireworks Working Group (4)

- Exchange of Inspection and Certification Information
 - AQSIQ will provide CPSC with China Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ) test reports, sample certificates and coding rules of fireworks manufacturers in China

Lighters Working Group (1)

- Exchange Laws and Technical Regulations
 - AQSIQ and CPSC will exchange relevant laws and technical regulations, including ASTM F-400, which is the subject of a pending CPSC rulemaking

Lighter Working Group (2)

- Exchange Technical Information
 - CPSC and AQSIQ will provide each other with information on lighters that do not comply with CPSC regulations, including the identity of importers and manufacturers
 - CPSC and AQSIQ will exchange information to improve inspection methods and efficiency, with a view towards improved analysis and solutions for lighters that do not comply with U.S. regulations

Lighter Working Group (3)

- Technical Exchanges
 - CPSC and AQSIQ will exchange technical personnel and provide training for managers and inspection personnel at least annually

Lighter Working Group (4)

- Exchange of Inspection and Certification Information
 - AQSIQ will provide CPSC with China Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ) test reports, sample certificates, information on coding rules of lighter manufacturers in China, and Enterprise Self-Assessment Reports
 - AQSIQ will assist the U.S. in identifying importers to check CPSC's submission list

Electrical Working Group (1a)

- Information Exchange
 - CPSC will provide U.S. laws and regulations related to electrical products in English and Chinese.
 - AQSIQ will publicize and distribute those laws and regulations to Chinese manufacturers
 - The exchange of information will focus initially on the following categories: extension cords, power strips and decorative lighting strings.

Electrical Working Group (1b)

- Compliance with Standards
 - AQSIQ will encourage manufacturers to apply UL standards and other appropriate standards for electrical products destined for the United States
 - AQSIQ will encourage manufacturers to have products certified by accredited certification bodies

Electrical Working Group (2a)

- Recall Notification and Follow Up (U.S. side)
 - CPSC will notify AQSIQ of all recalls involving electrical products, providing the names and addresses of Chinese exporters and/or manufacturers where available
 - CPSC will provide test reports to AQSIQ where available and appropriate

Electrical Working Group (2b)

- Recall Follow Up (Chinese side)
 - AQSIQ will follow up with Chinese manufacturers, ensuring that corrective action is taken to prevent similar problems from recurring
 - AQSIQ will notify CPSC if the manufacturer of the recalled item also produced it for other importers or produced similar items that may pose similar hazards

Electrical Working Group (3)

- Facilitate Technical Exchange and Cooperation
 - AQSIQ and CPSC agree to promote technical exchanges between testing labs as well as certification bodies of the two countries.

Electrical Working Group (4a)

- Enhanced Inspection of Electrical Products (U.S. side)
 - CPSC will share its screening criteria for electrical products with AQSIQ
 - This effort will focus initially on extension cords, power strips and decorative lighting strings

Electrical Working Group (4b)

- Enhanced Inspection of Electrical Products (China side)
 - AQSIQ will use the screening criteria to inspect electrical products designated for export to the US
 - AQSIQ will provide CPSC with names of the U.S. importers who designed or ordered defective electrical products from China when available

Questions?

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