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Key Takeaways- Overview of U.S. and European Consumer Product Safety Frameworks

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Key Take Aways – Procedural Requirements

US requirements	EU requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificates of conformity are required for any product subject to a federal consumer product safety requirement.¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU Declaration of Conformity issued by the manufacturer is required for products under 'harmonised' sectoral legislation: on the basis of self-certification or certificate from Notified Body.• For "non-harmonized" products EU referenced standards give presumption of safety.• All consumer products placed on the EU market need to be safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's products are products designed and intended for children 12 years and younger.²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not a single definition of children products: Toys are products designed or intended, whether exclusively or not, for children under 14 years. Other child prod...

Key Take Aways –Procedural Requirements

US requirements	EU requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tracking information is required for all children's products.³	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toys have to be labelled with manufacturer's and importer's names and addresses.Childcare products falling under the GPSD need to be labelled (on product or packaging) with the identity of producer, product reference.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are mandatory reporting requirements regarding potentially dangerous products.⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are mandatory reporting requirements regarding potentially dangerous products.

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US requirements	EU requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CPSC may consider industry consensus standards when evaluating whether a product presents a hazard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Harmonised' standards referenced in the <i>Official Journal of the EU</i> indicate pre-sumption of conformity with the applicable requirements that the standard addresses.

U.S. References

- 1) Certificates of conformity – 16 CFR Part 1110
- 2) Definition of children's product – 16 CFR Part 1200
- 3) Tracking information- 15 USC § 2063(a)(5)
- 4) Mandatory reporting requirements- 15 USC § 2064