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CPSIA Alert: Nancy Nord Resigns from the CPSC

Acting CPSC Chair Nancy Nord plans to step down and fellow commissioner Thomas Moore will take over as acting head on June 1, 2009. Nord plans to remain a commissioner until the end of her term in 2012.

Moore will remain acting chair until the Senate confirms a new commissioner to that seat. Confirmation hearings for Inez Moore Tenenbaum, President Obama's pick for that role, have not yet been scheduled. Earlier this month, President Obama also nominated Robert Adler, a former lawyer and adviser to the agency, as a new commissioner. Obama plans to increase the number of seats on the commission from three to five.

The personnel changes have already started at the Commission. The new Commissioners will have increased funding to start enforcement efforts. Manufacturers should not wait for an enforcement action before beginning efforts to comply with the CPSIA. In any government enforcement action, one of the first inquiries relates to the company's efforts to comply with the applicable law.



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