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## New CPSC Chairman Sworn In

On July 9, 2009, the CPSC issued a press release announcing that Inez Moore Tenenbaum has been sworn in as the Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Ms. Tenenbaum was nominated by President Obama on June 9, 2009, was confirmed by the Senate on June 19, 2009, and was officially sworn in on June 23, 2009. Ms. Tenenbaum will serve as the ninth Chairman of the CPSC until her term expires in October 2013.

As the new CPSC Chairman, Ms. Tenenbaum promises to focus on three major areas. First, she wants the CPSC to be more accessible to parents and consumers by creating the electronic database of product incident reports. Second, because of her background in public education, Ms. Tenenbaum wants to keep all consumers informed of product hazards, especially those that impact children. And finally, Ms. Tenenbaum is committed to enforcing the law and working to keep dangerous imports out of the hands of consumers. With the new Chairman, the CPSC is more ready than ever to monitor and enforce consumer product safety rules.

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