

EIGHT POINTS OF ACTION TO CURB LEAD PAINT CONTAINING PRODUCT IMPORTATION

Eight points of action to help safeguard the health and safety of American consumers from the onslaught of unsafe Chinese-produced (and other imported) consumer products and foods.

1. Provide increased resources to government safety agencies to prevent unsafe products from crossing our borders;
2. Hold suppliers, importers, distributors, and manufacturers accountable for bringing unsafe products to the market by requiring pre-shipment inspections and testing to ensure product safety;
3. Develop U.S. government-administered, third-party safety certification programs for all products;
4. Develop a product traceability program for both country-of-origin labeling for food and consumer products as well as for all components and ingredients
5. Require that importers post a bond to ensure they have sufficient resources to recall their products should they prove dangerous or defective;
6. Give all agencies with enforcement authority the power to levy meaningful civil penalties for manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers who fail to comply with regulations, and criminal penalties for those who knowingly and repeatedly jeopardize public safety;
7. Authorize mandatory recall authority for all government agencies; and
8. Require all government agencies to publicly disclose information pertaining to safety investigations and reports of adverse events.