

# CPSC Interaction with Customs

## Overview

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# Import Surveillance

- CPSC Office of Compliance and Field Operations coordinates with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to identify shipments of interest
- Shipments of interest includes both regulated and unregulated products
- CPSC staff access to Customs Data Bases
  - Identify shipments of goods into the U.S.
  - Identify dates of arrival and ports of entry



# Customs Enforcement

- U.S. Customs must refuse admission of any consumer product that:
  - Fails to comply with any applicable consumer product safety rule (mandatory standard); or
  - Has a defect which constitutes a “substantial product hazard
- The importer is entitled to a trial-type hearing



# Customs Enforcement

- Fireworks
- Cigarette Lighters
- Toys
- Non regulated products



# Panelists

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