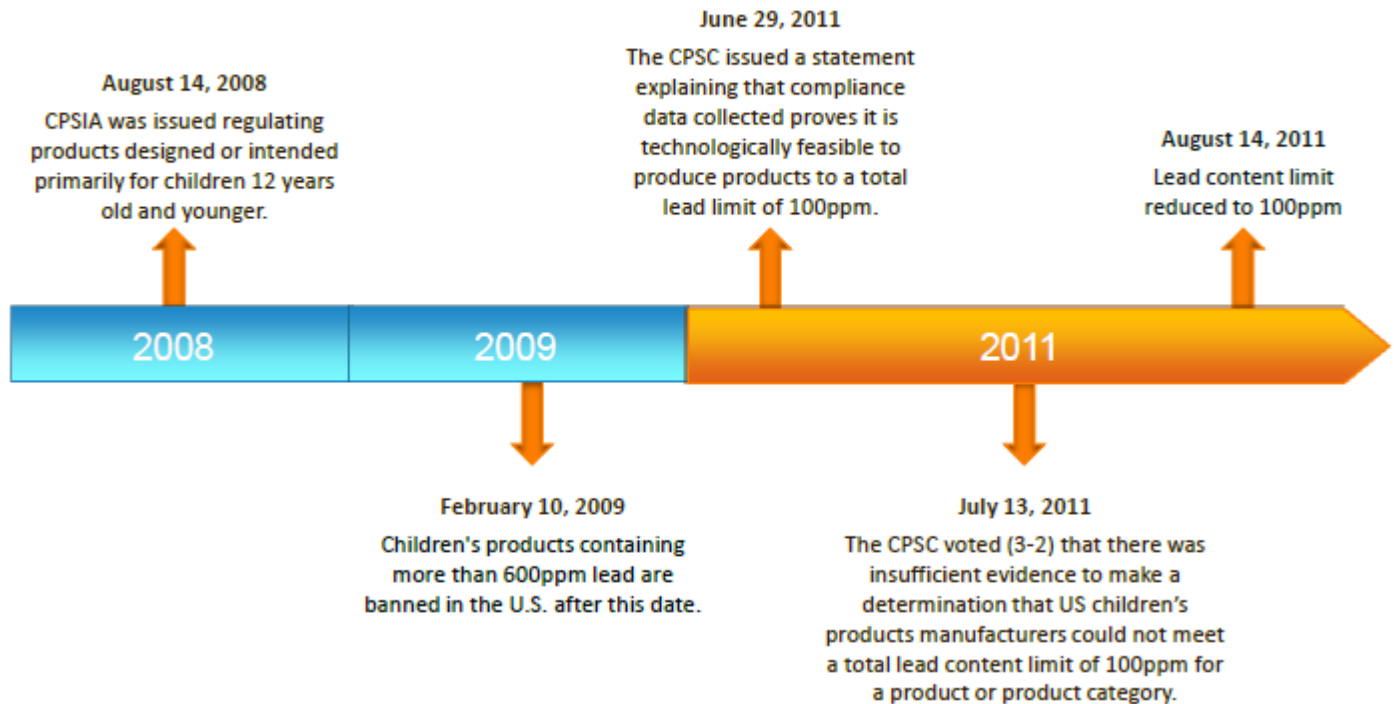




## Children's Products Lead Content Limits Reduce to 100ppm on August 14, 2011

When the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) was enacted in 2008, section 101 (a)(2) regulated products designed or intended primarily for children 12 years old and younger. The act stipulated that the total lead content by weight, in any part of a children's product, could not exceed the following limits (based on the dates provided):



As of August 14, it will be illegal to sell children's products exceeding 100ppm lead content. The law applies to products currently on the store shelves, not just products manufactured after that date.

Due to a stay of enforcement currently in place, the CPSC will not enforce the CPSIA's independent third party testing requirement for total lead content until December 31, 2011.

### Key items:

- The stay of enforcement **does not apply to children's metal jewelry**, which currently must undergo independent third party testing.
- The new 100ppm lead content limit **does not apply to inaccessible (internal) parts** of children's products and certain component parts of children's electronic devices, like electronic connectors and plugs, including headphone plugs.
- The lead content levels for children's products are **different from the levels Congress set for lead in paint or surface coatings**. The limit for lead in paint or surface coatings is .009 percent. The .009 percent level has been in place since August 14, 2009 and independent third party testing is required for all paints or surfaces coatings used on children's products.

Note: The Commission has written a letter to Congress specifically asking them to change the law so that it applies prospectively to products manufactured after August 14.

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