

# CPSC Overview



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# U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

- An independent federal agency
- Established in May 1973
- Responsible for consumer product safety functions of the federal government
- Five Commissioners, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate

# Mission



**Protecting the public against unreasonable risks of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, regulation, and enforcement.**



# U.S. Estimated Annual Losses Associated with Consumer Products

37,200  
Deaths

38.3 Million  
Injuries

\$1 Trillion  
Societal Costs

# Consumer Products EXCLUDED from CPSC Jurisdiction

“... any article which is not customarily produced or distributed for sale to, or use or consumption by, or enjoyment of, a consumer...”<sup>2</sup>

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, firearms and explosives (BATFE)

Motor vehicles and equipment (NHTSA)

Pesticides (EPA)

Aircraft (FAA)

Boats (Coast Guard)

Food and drugs (USDA and FDA)

Occupational products (OSHA)

Fixed-site amusement park rides (State jurisdiction)



# Technical Regulations

Regulatory process can be started by vote of the Commission or by a petition from an interested party.

CPSC statutes specify that voluntary standards should be relied upon whenever possible. A regulation may be issued if:

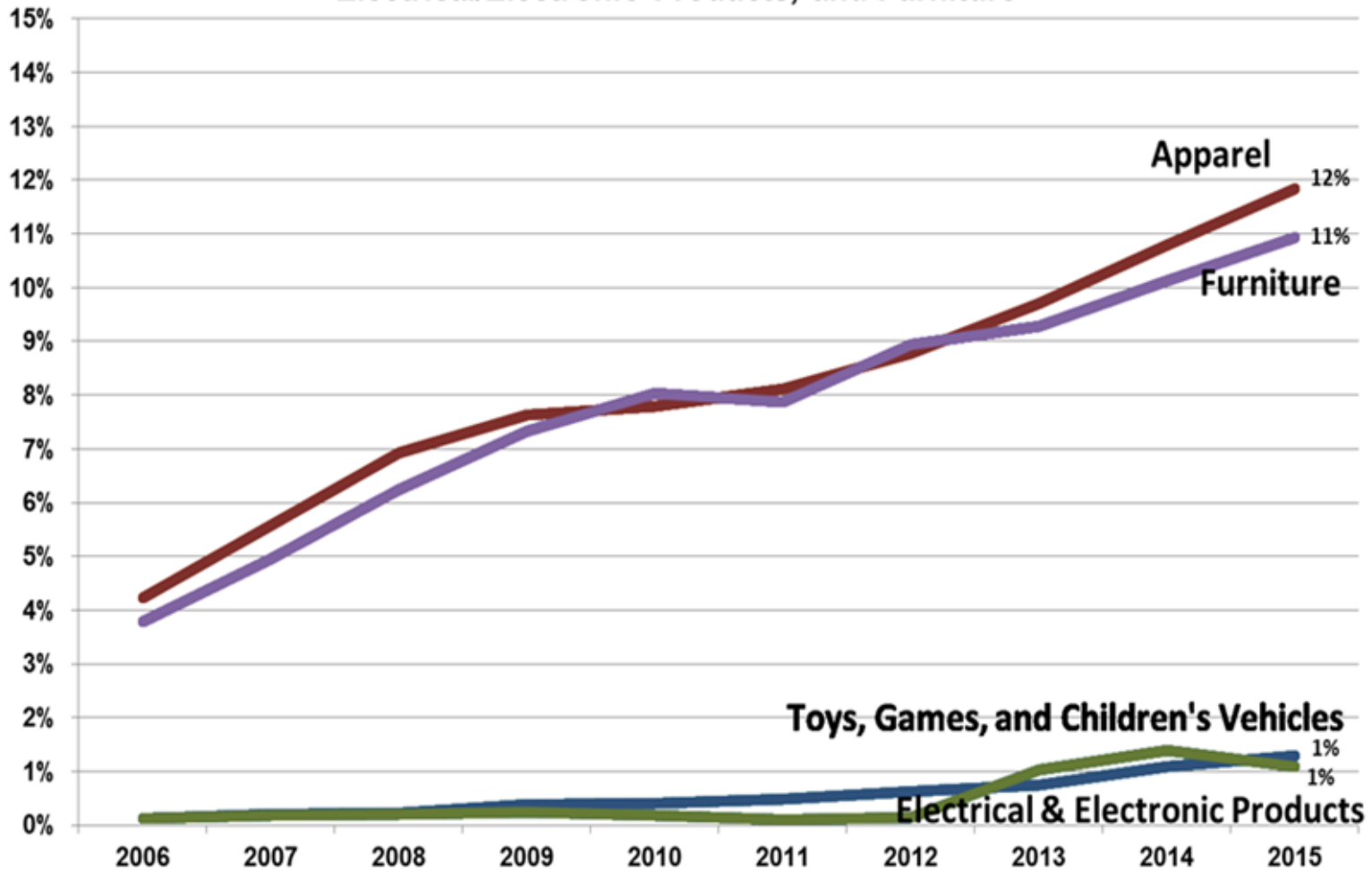
the current voluntary standard does not adequately reduce the risk

or

there is not substantial compliance.



## Vietnam's Share of Total Imports of Toys, Apparel, Electrical/Electronic Products, and Furniture



Source: U.S. International Trade Commission statistics and Directorate for Economic Analysis calculations.