



United States

Consumer Product Safety Commission

US CPSC Metrics on New Approach **Methods**

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Background

- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has jurisdiction over 15,000 types of products used in or around the home, schools, and in recreational settings, excluding products covered exclusively by other federal agencies.
- CPSC also has jurisdiction over special (child-resistant) packaging for drugs, cosmetics, household chemicals, and liquid nicotine products.



Background

- The Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), 15 U.S.C. §1261-1275, requires appropriate cautionary labeling on certain hazardous household products to alert consumers to the potential hazard(s) that the products may present.
- However, the FHSA does not require manufacturers to perform any specific toxicological tests to assess potential hazards (e.g., toxicity, corrosivity, sensitization, and irritation).



Background

- CPSC's 2012 Animal Testing Policy – Strongly encourages manufacturers to find alternatives to traditional animal testing that replace animals, reduce the number of animals tested, and decrease the pain and suffering in animals associated with testing household products.
- To support the use of New Approach Methods (NAMs), CPSC continues to devote time, resources, and personnel to evaluate the utility and application of NAMs in labeling efforts for hazardous products that fall under CPSC's jurisdiction.



CPSC Guidance on NAMs

- CPSC Commission voted 4 – 0 to approve the draft guidance document – November 2020
- FR Notice published March 31, 2021
- Public Comment period ended June 14, 2021
 - Received 5 comments
 - Comments were addressed and incorporated into the final CPSC memo
 - Commission voted 4-0 to approve the final guidance document – April 2022
- Final version of the guidance document published April 11, 2022
 - <https://www.regulations.gov/document/CPSC-2021-0006-0010>
- Future Plans
 - Update web page with guidance document and any new methods reviewed and approved by the Commission.



CPSC Metrics

- Number and percentage of instances where non-animal testing data have been used by CPSC in labeling determinations.
- Number of non-animal methods that staff has evaluated for scientific relevance for agency applicability and posted for stakeholder reference, so that these methods can become part of the regulatory strategy of any testing party.



Thank you

Final version of the CPSC NAM guidance document:
<https://www.regulations.gov/document/CPSC-2021-0006-0010>

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