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New CPSC Crib Standards Will Affect Places of Public Accommodation

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On December 15, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) approved a final rule establishing new safety standards for full-size and non-full-size cribs. For manufacturers and distributors of such products, the new rules will take effect within six months of publication in the Federal Register. Child care centers, family child care homes and places of public accommodation would be prohibited from using non-complying cribs within 18 months of publication. CPSC staff estimates that there are approximately 43,303 firms providing public accommodation that could be affected by the regulation. Although the agency received numerous comments from child care centers concerning potential difficulties in meeting the new crib standards within the originally proposed six-month deadline, CPSC did not receive any comments from hotels or similar places of public accommodation indicating the need for additional time to obtain complying cribs for such establishments. The rule was published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2010.