As you all know the Congress has recently passed new legislation called the Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act of 2008. This Act was signed into law on August 14, 2008. Perhaps the most significant changes this new law brings about for manufacturers are new testing, certification and labeling requirements for children’s products. Different requirements will be phased in over the next year however, the first one was effective November 12, 2008.

All products manufactured on or after November 12, 2008 must have a Certificate of Conformity accompany each product shipment stating that the product complies with all rules, bands, standards, or regulations applicable to that product under any provision enforced by the CPSC. The only products subject to the CPSIA that are manufactured for Energizer Personal Care LLC (“EPC”) are the baby bottles, pacifiers, cups, plates, and teethers marketed under the Playtex® brand name.

Rest assured that EPC understands the requirements under the CPSIA and that all requirements are being met. We respect your eagerness to work with your suppliers to find out how they will be providing the Certificates of Compliance to you. A team within EPC is diligently working on getting an electronic system up and running to provide such Certifications to our retailers. In the meantime, all shipments of products manufactured on or after November 12, 2008 will have a label on the carton providing the information required in the Certification.

We appreciate your patience while EPC works through the logistics of how to best comply with the CPSIA requirements and get the information to you.