

Multi-Country School Uniform Compliance Quick Reference

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Purpose

School uniform buyers managing multi-country programs need a single reference for regulatory requirements across the US, Canada, UK, and Australia. This document maps each market's key regulations, test standards, and labeling requirements.

Regulatory Framework by Country

CATEGORY	us UNITED STATES	ca CANADA	gb UNITED KINGDOM	au AUSTRALIA
Primary Legislation	CPSIA 2008 (amended)	CCPSA 2010	UK REACH (SI 2020 No. 1577)	Competition and Consumer Act 2010
Enforcing Body	CPSC	Health Canada	HSE / OPSS	ACCC
Product Scope	Children's products (≤12 years)	Children's products (≤14 years for sleepwear)	All consumer textile products	All consumer textile products

Heavy Metals & Chemical Safety

SUBSTANCE	US LIMIT	CANADA LIMIT	UK LIMIT	AUSTRALIA LIMIT
Lead (Pb)	≤ 90 ppm (substrate) ≤ 90 ppm (surface coating)	≤ 90 mg/kg (total)	REACH Annex XVII Entry 63 — restricted in articles supplied to general public	AS/NZS ISO 8124-3 — ≤ 90 mg/kg (migration)
Cadmium (Cd)	≤ 75 ppm (surface coating, ASTM F963)	≤ 130 mg/kg (total, proposed)	REACH Annex XVII Entry 23 — ≤ 100 mg/kg	≤ 75 mg/kg (migration)
Phthalates	6P ≤ 0.1% each: DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, DnOP	6P ≤ 1000 mg/kg each: Same 6 as CPSIA	REACH Annex XVII Entries 51-52: DEHP, DBP, BBP, DIBP ≤ 0.1%	Consumer Goods (Children's Products) Order — DEHP ≤ 1%
Formaldehyde	No federal limit for apparel. OEKO-TEX Class I: ≤ 20 mg/kg (recommended)	No specific limit. OEKO-TEX Class I: ≤ 20 mg/kg (recommended)	REACH Annex XVII Entry 72: ≤ 100 mg/kg (skin contact); ≤ 75 mg/kg (textiles from Jan 2026)	No specific limit for apparel

Flammability Standards

GARMENT TYPE	US STANDARD	CANADA STANDARD	UK STANDARD	AUSTRALIA STANDARD
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General School Uniform	16 CFR Part 1610 (Class 1 required)	CCPSA — General textile flammability	BS EN 14878 — Textile burning behavior	AS/NZS 1249 — Children's nightwear & limited daywear
Children's Sleepwear / PE Kit	16 CFR 1615 (sizes 0-6X) 16 CFR 1616 (sizes 7-14)	CCPSA Children's Sleepwear Regulations (SOR/2016-169)	BS EN 14878 + BS 5722 (nightwear)	AS/NZS 1249 Category 1-4

Drawstring & Cord Safety

Requirement	US (ASTM F1816-18)	Canada (CCPSA Cord Regs)	UK (BS EN 14682)	Australia (AS/NZS 1249)
Hood / Neck Drawstrings (2T-12)	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Waist Drawstrings (2T-16)	Max 75mm outside garment when fully extended. No toggles at free ends.	Max 75mm extension. No knots or toggles.	Max 140mm loop circumference. No free ends below hem.	No protruding cords below garment bottom edge.

Labeling Requirements

Requirement	US	Canada	UK	Australia
Fiber Content	Required (Textile Act)	Required (Textile Labeling Act) — EN/FR bilingual	Required (Textile Products Regs)	Required (AS/NZS 2392)
Care Instructions	Required (Care Labeling Rule)	Required — EN/FR bilingual	Required (BS EN ISO 3758)	Required (AS/NZS 1957)
Country of Origin	Required on product	Required on product	Required on product	Required on product
Tracking Label	CPSIA: Manufacturer, date, batch (permanent)	Not specifically required	Not specifically required	Not specifically required
Importer Identity	RN number or company name	CA Identification Number	UKCA mark + importer address	No specific number system

UV Protection (School Uniform Specific)

Market	Standard	UPF Rating Required	Testing Requirement
Australia	AS/NZS 4399:2020	UPF 50+ (blocks ≥ 97.5% UVR)	NATA-accredited lab testing; batch-level for school uniform programs
US	AATCC TM 183 / ASTM D6603	UPF 50+ (recommended)	Not mandatory for school uniforms; recommended for sun-safe school programs
UK	BS EN 13758-1	UPF 40+	Not mandatory; recommended for outdoor wear

Important: This reference summarizes key requirements as of 2026. Regulations change. Always verify current limits and test methods with the relevant enforcement body before finalizing product specifications. LantaoWork provides batch-specific lab reports covering all four markets with every education shipment.