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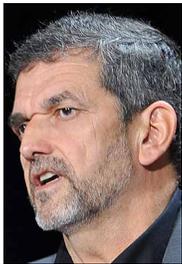
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Home Depot committed resources to implementing a compliance program long ago, but as with many of us, things still occasionally go wrong. The interesting thing here is not the fact that they recently had a problem or paid a \$5.7 million fine (see to the right), but rather that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is so committed to compliance programs that they are including them in settlements. This is also a big setback for the “Compliance, enforcement, and the rule of



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law is over” crowd. If anyone on your leadership team has listened to these people and suggested we can all cut back on compliance, you should show them the many recent settlements and the growing commitment by the enforcement community to the rule of law and compliance programs.

From *Business Insider*:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced that Home Depot U.S.A. Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, has agreed to pay a \$5.7 million civil penalty for selling and distributing previously recalled consumer products...

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In addition to paying the \$5.7 million civil penalty, Home Depot will maintain a compliance program to ensure compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), including a program for the appropriate disposal of recalled products.¹ *

1. <http://bit.ly/home-depot-to-pay>