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General Information on Product Safety and Requirements for Economic Operators

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Role of Product Safety Unit

Unsafe non-food consumer products can cause accidents, injuries and in extreme cases, deaths

Our Primary Aim – Preventing Harm from Unsafe Products and so protect consumers from unsafe non-food consumer products

How do we prevent harm from unsafe products

- Ensure compliance with legislation
- Investigate complaints
 - Risk Assessment Protocol
- National Co-ordinator for RAPEX

How do we prevent harm from unsafe products

- Market Surveillance
- Consumer Awareness
- Industry Awareness

How do we prevent harm from unsafe products

- Customer Contacts
- Rapex Notifications
- Monitor UK/TS & Global recalls

Legislation

- EU Directives
 - General Product Safety Directive
 - Toy Safety Directive
 - Low Voltage Directive
 - Appliances Burning Gaseous fuels
 - Personal Protective Equipment

Legislation

- National Regulations
 - 10 sets of regulations
 - Criminal legislation
- EU Regulation 765/2008 - Market Surveillance

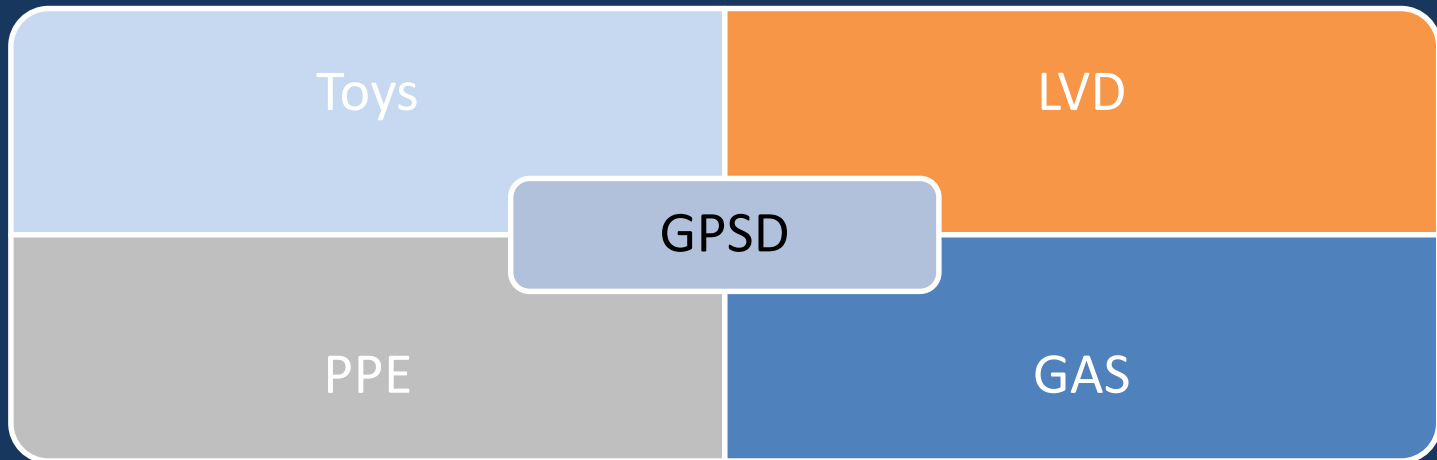


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CPA 2007

EU Regulation 765/2008



Economic Operators

- Place only safe products on the market
- Unsafe products
 - Withdrawn
 - Recall
 - Inform CCPC

Economic Operators

- Toys and Low Voltage include definitions of Economic Operators and each has similar specific obligations under the regulations
 - Manufacturer
 - Importer
 - Distributor
- LVD - Increased enforcement powers & market surveillance (from 765/2008)

Manufacturer

- Ultimate responsibility for the conformity of the product
- Designed and manufactured in accordance with safety objectives
- draw up the required technical documentation
- carrying out conformity assessment
- draw up the EU Declaration of Conformity
- Affix CE Marking

Manufacturer

- type, batch or serial number or other element allowing its identification
- (1) name
(2) registered trade name or registered trade mark
(3) a single contact postal address
- instructions & safety information
- sample testing

Manufacturer

- If considers or has reason to believe product not in conformity
 - Immediately take corrective action to bring product into conformity
 - Where it presents a risk, inform the competent authority – provide details of the non-compliances and corrective measures

Manufacturer

- Further to reasoned request from competent authority
 - Provide all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate conformity
 - Co-operate in any action taken to eliminate the risk

Importer

- Shall not place product on market unless it complies with the regulations
- before placing a product on the market ensure
- Manufacturer has complied with their duties
 - conformity assessment
 - drawn up the technical documentation
 - affixed the relevant conformity marking (e.g. CE marking)
 - fulfilled traceability obligations product

Importer

- Manufacturer has complied with their duties
 - fulfilled traceability obligations
 - instructions and safety information
- Indicate Importer's name, registered trade name of registered trademark and the postal address
- Carry out sample testing

Importer

- Register of complaints, non-conforming, products and details of products recalls
- Inform distributor
- Bring product into conformity, withdraw or recall
- Inform competent authorities

Importer

- For 10 years after product placed on market
 - Copy Declaration of Conformity
 - Technical documentation
 - Further to reasoned request from competent authority, provide all information and documentation necessary to demonstrate conformity
 - Co-operate with competent authority on any action taken to eliminate risks

Distributor

- Only supply compliant products.
- Verify has CE mark
- Accompanied by the required documentation, instructions and markings including identification of the manufacturer and/or importer
- Safety information (correct language)

Distributor

- Ensure that storage and transport conditions do not jeopardise conformity of the equipment
- Inform the relevant national authorities if non conforming product presents a risk
- Take any corrective measure required to bring into conformity, recall or withdraw it from the market, if appropriate, are taken

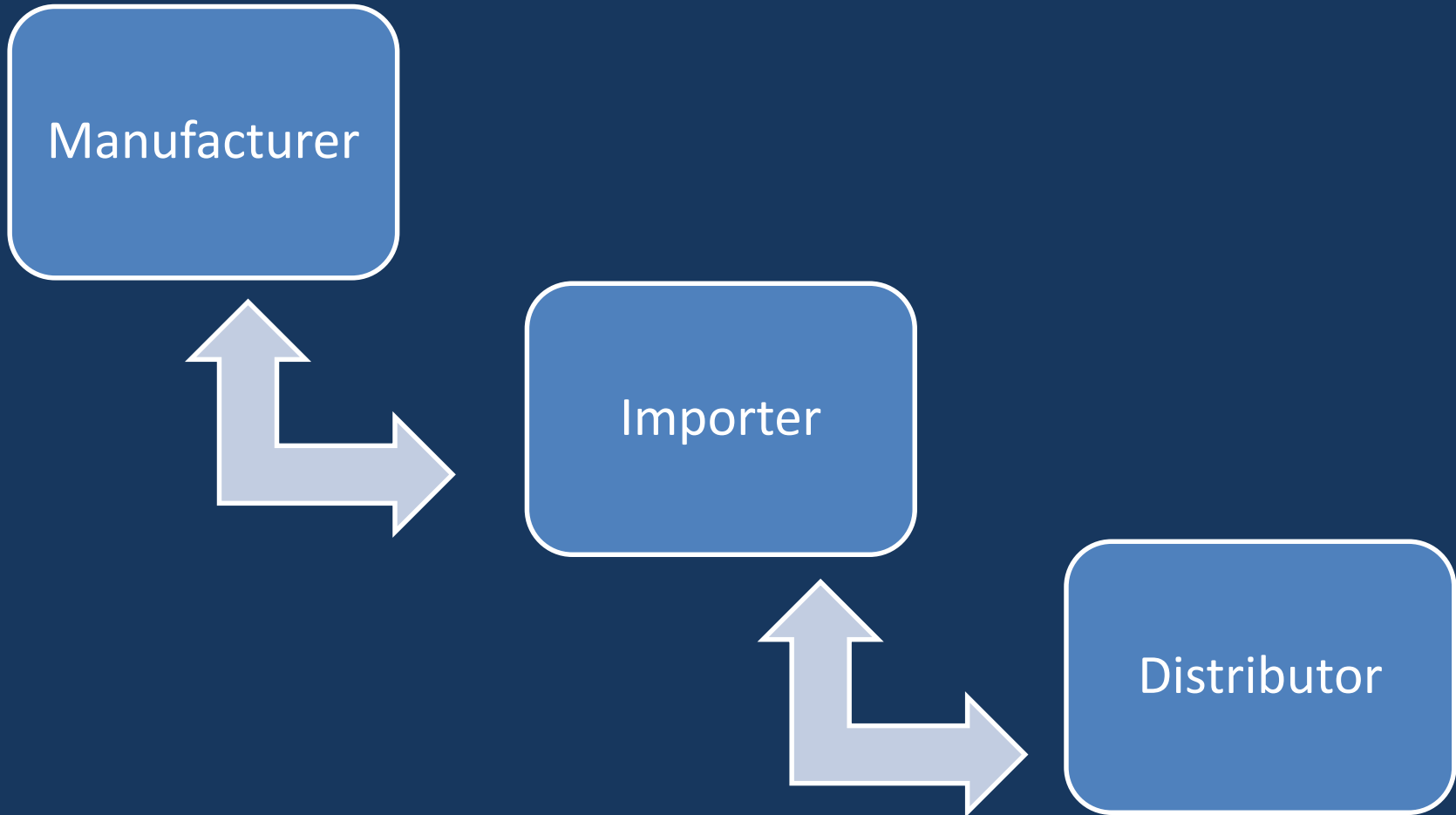
Distributor

- Provide information or documentation in paper or electronic form if requested.
- Co-operate with authorities on any action to eliminate the risks posed by CE marked equipment which they have placed on the market.

Manufacturer obligations apply if

- Importer or distributor places product on market under importer or distributor's name or trademark
- Modifies product so that compliance with regulations may be affected

Economic Operators



Low Voltage Directive

- Electrical Equipment
 - 50 – 1000 volts (AC)
 - 75 – 1500 (DC)
 - Designed & manufactures in accordance safety objectives
 - Manufacturer details/ trademark
 - Documentation
 - CE mark



Toys

- Products designed or intended for use in play by children under 14 years of age
 - Warnings
 - Chemicals
 - CE mark



Personal Protective Equipment

- device or appliance designed to be worn or held by an individual for protection against one or more health and safety risks
 - Sunglasses
- Regulations due to be updated/revised with directly applicable regulations coming into force in 2018 – duties manufacturers, importer & distributors

Personal Protective Equipment

- Leisure and recreation
- Basic health and safety requirements
- CE mark



Gas Appliances

- Appliances
 - Cooking
 - Heating
 - Hot water production
 - Refrigeration
 - Lighting
 - Washing
- CE mark



Gas Appliances

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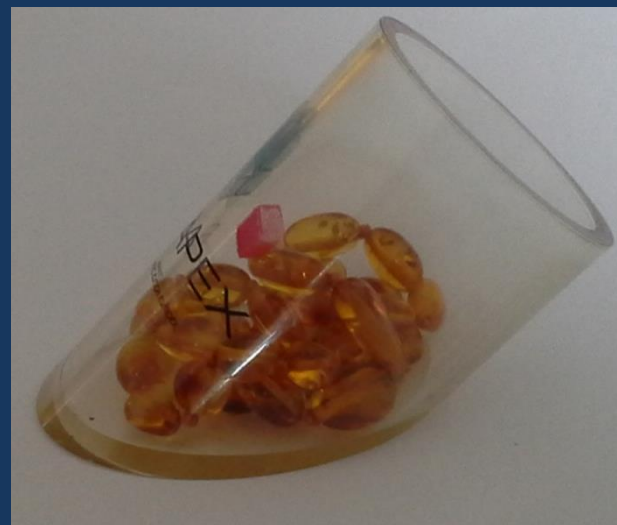
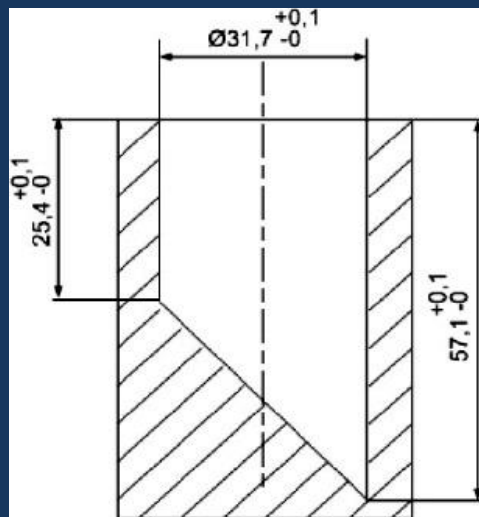
General Product Safety Directive

- Duties for producer & distributor
- Inform if ‘on the basis of information in his or her possession and as a professional, ought to know...’ poses a risk to the consumer
- Recall
- Withdraw
- Prohibit placing on the market
- No CE mark

General Product Safety Directive

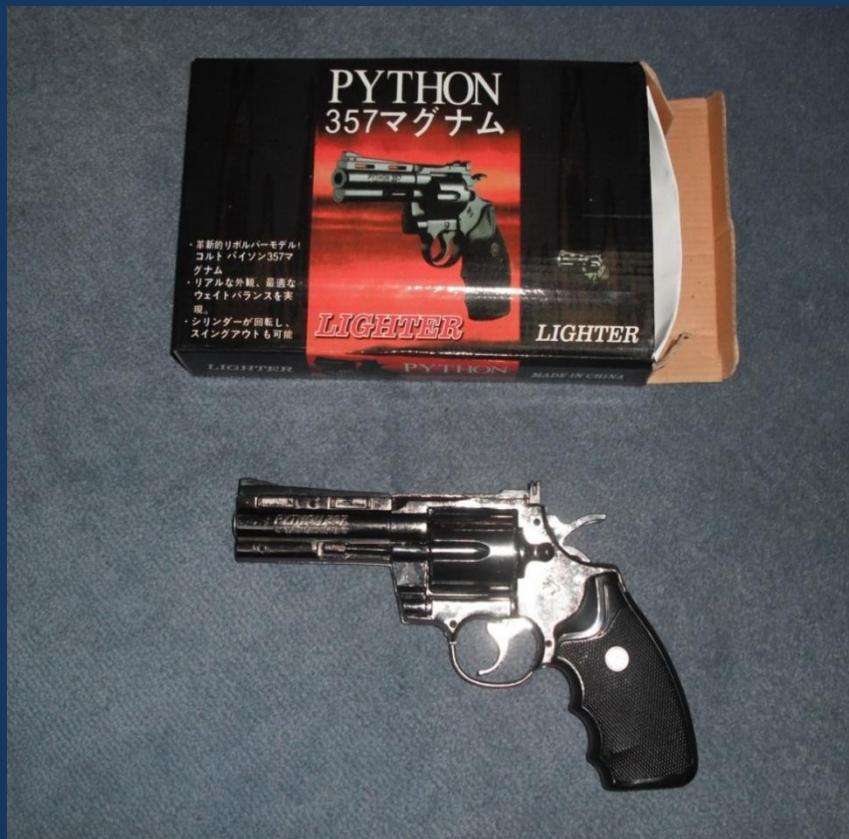
- Wide variety of products not covered in the sector specific legislation
 - furniture
 - Child and child care articles
 - Candles
 - Children's clothing (cord & drawstrings)
 - Window blinds
 - Cigarette lighters

General Product Safety



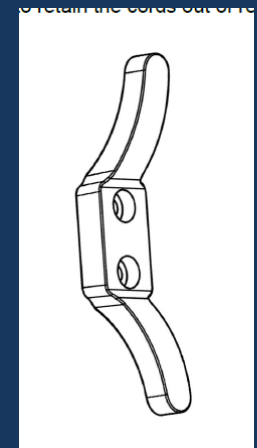
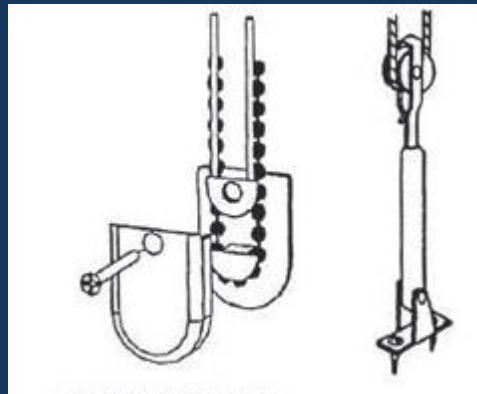
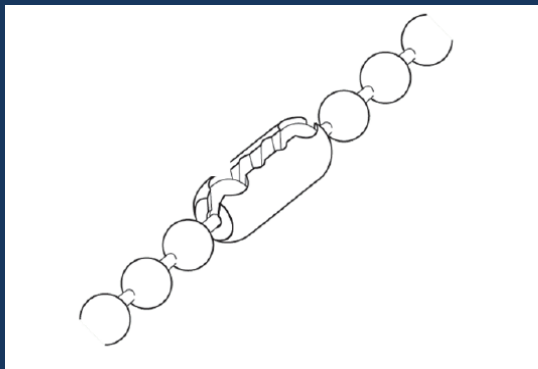
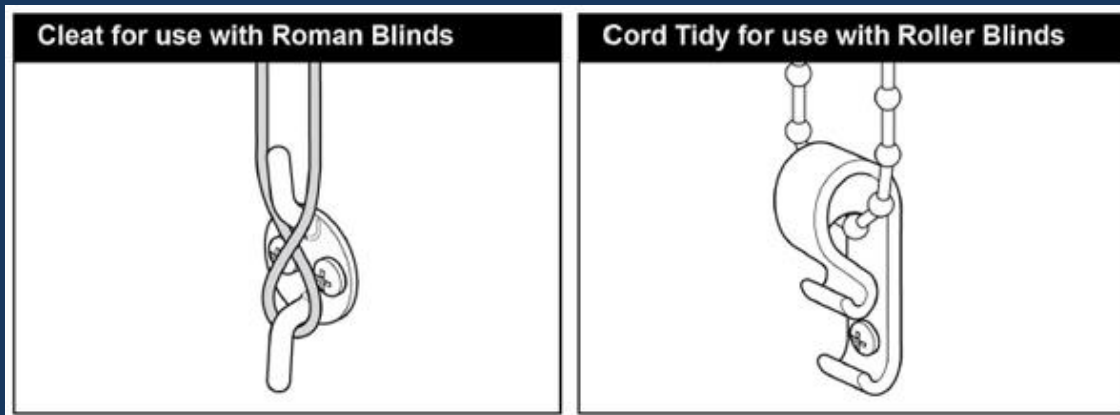
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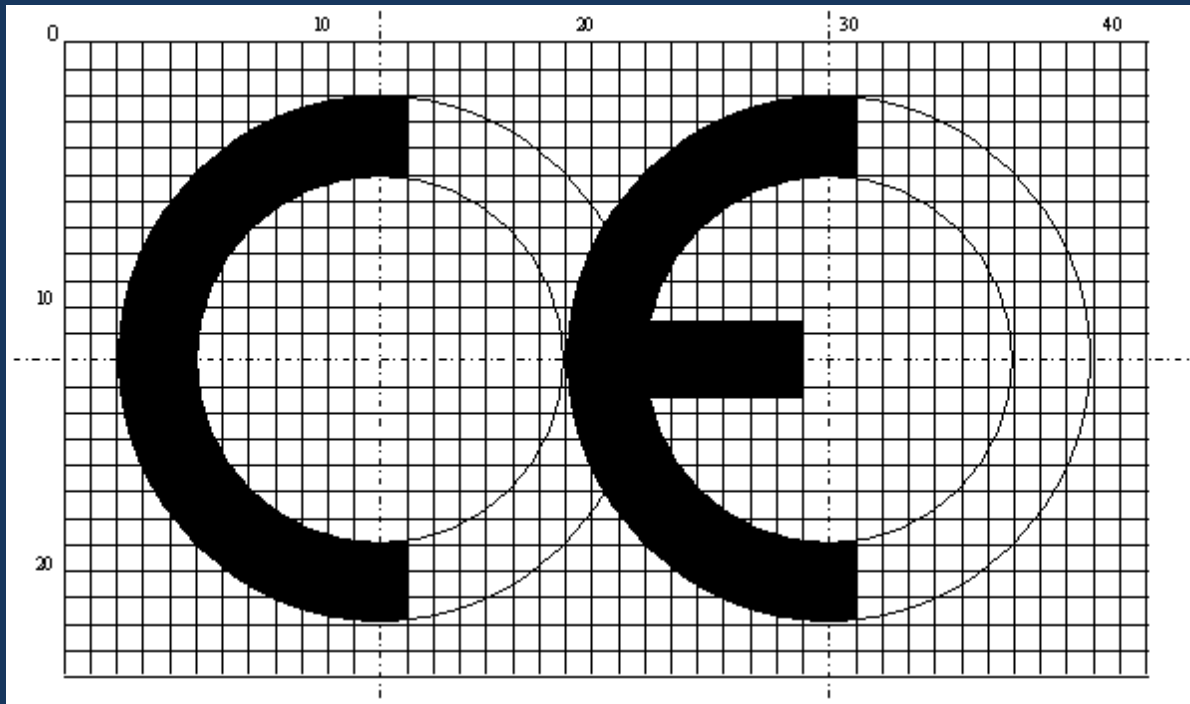


Product Safety Standards

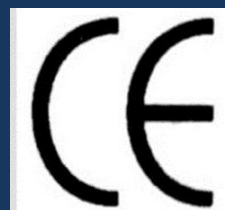
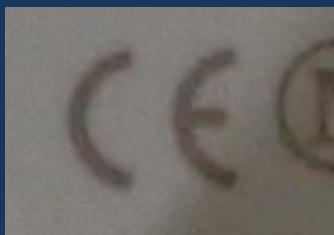
- Measure conformity to essential safety requirements
- Presumed to be safe
- Harmonised Standards
- NSAI

CE Mark

- Indicates that product meets essential requirements



CE Mark



CE Mark



CE Certificate

- Not same or equivalent to Declaration of Conformity
- Declaration must be drawn up by manufacturer and as detailed in the Directive

Technical Documentation

- Must be drawn up by manufacturer and as detailed in the Directive
 - Not limited to certificates and conformity assessment reports

Technical Documentation

ANNEX III

MODULE A

Internal production control

1. Internal production control is the conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in points 2, 3 and 4, and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the electrical equipment concerned satisfy the requirements of this Directive that apply to it.

2. **Technical documentation**

The manufacturer shall establish the technical documentation. The documentation shall make it possible to assess the electrical equipment's conformity to the relevant requirements, and shall include an adequate analysis and assessment of the risk(s). The technical documentation shall specify the applicable requirements and cover, as far as relevant for the assessment, the design, manufacture and operation of the electrical equipment. The technical documentation shall, where applicable, contain at least the following elements:

- (a) a general description of the electrical equipment;
- (b) conceptual design and manufacturing drawings and schemes of components, sub-assemblies, circuits, etc.;
- (c) descriptions and explanations necessary for the understanding of those drawings and schemes and the operation of the electrical equipment;
- (d) a list of the harmonised standards applied in full or in part the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or international or national standards referred to in Articles 13 and 14 and, where those harmonised standards or international or national standards have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the safety objectives of this Directive, including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied harmonised standards or international or national standards referred to in Articles 13 and 14, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied;
- (e) results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, etc.; and
- (f) test reports.

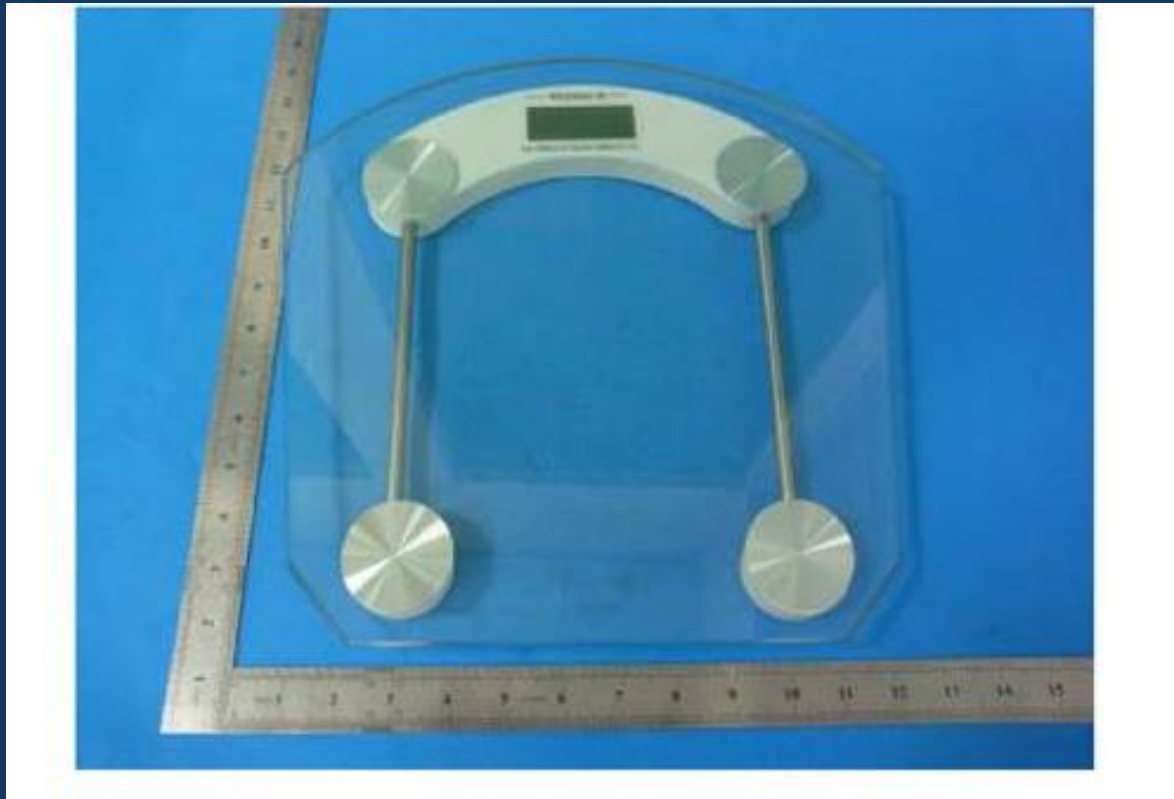
Conformity Assessment Reports

- Test reports – harmonised standards
- Validity ?

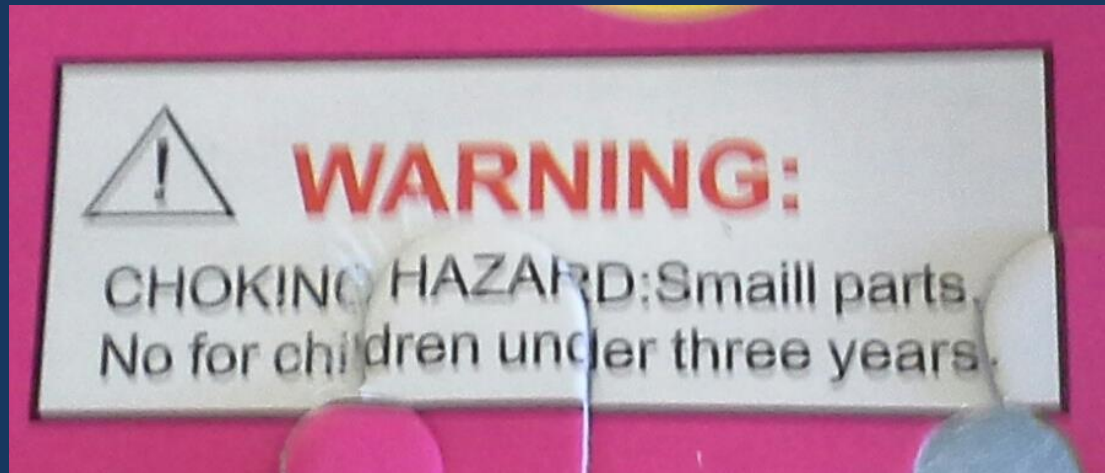
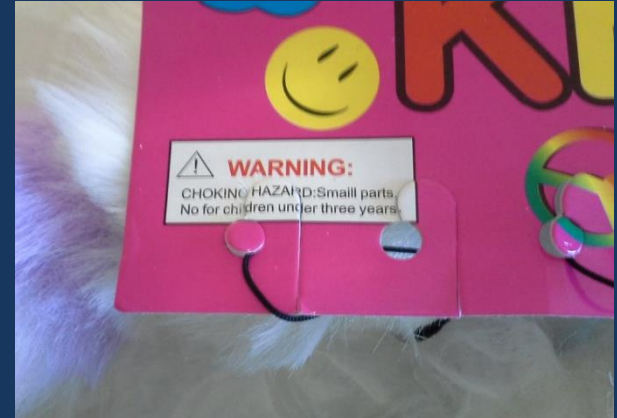


Conformity Assessment Reports

- Validity ?



Toys



Toys



INSTRCTION

1. Can not disinfexted in boiled water.
2. Do not use food dryer.
3. To prerent deformation, can not press strongly.

Summary

Unsafe non-food consumer products can cause accidents, injuries and in extreme cases, deaths

Our Primary Aim – protect consumers from unsafe non-food consumer products

Questions?

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