

Testing to China Regulations & Standards in the UK

If you are importing into China or considering the option, Intertek can help save you money by reducing your overall costs by harmonising regional testing protocols.

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China is becoming the biggest market in the world for the purchase of luxury and imported goods. Huge business opportunities are attracting more international brands to enter the China market. Many brands and retailers are not familiar with Chinese legislation and standards to which you are required to comply. As the leading expert on Chinese testing standards, Intertek can help ensure your products meet quality and safety requirements and comply with Chinese regulations and standards.

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In addition to expanding our China regulations and standards offering globally, Intertek boasts an excellent, independent department dedicated to China Domestic Marketing Services in China. The Intertek CDMS team is tasked with tracing and studying the dynamic changes of China regulations, standards, and legal processes on quality supervision. Intertek amongst international service providers are the clear market leaders in this field.

Quality Surveillance in China

There are four government-backed authorities and one consumer association in China responsible for consumer protection and goods quality as compared with the UK's one, Trading Standards.

State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) is the People's Republic of China authority responsible for advancing legislation concerning industry and commerce. SAIC regulates the market through administrative enforcement, regulates product quality and food safety, investigates and punishes irregularities such as counterfeiting, faking and inferior quality, guides acceptance and handling of consumer inquiries, appeals and complaints and instructs the development of related networks thereof.

SAIC directly administers the following bureaus:

- Local Administration for Industry and Commerce (AICs)
- China Consumer Association (CCA)

General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) is a ministerial-level department under the State Council of the People's Republic of China responsible for national quality, metrology, entry-exit commodity inspection, entry-exit health quarantine, entry-exit animal and plant quarantine, certification and accreditation, standardisation, as well as administrative law enforcement.

AQSIQ directly administers the following divisions responsible for law enforcement:

- Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ)
- Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision (QTS)

China Consumer Association (CCA) provides information and advisory services to Chinese consumers.

CCA participates in the supervision, inspection of goods and services with the relevant administrative or government departments. It highlights and makes recommendations to departments on issues concerning the interests of Chinese consumers. CCA also manages, mediates and investigates consumer feedback and complaints. It requests evaluations from quality department of providers of goods and/or services and supports consumers in the pursuit of litigation when their interests have been violated. CCA also exposes activities that infringe consumer interests through the mass media.

Did you know?

8.4% of clothing imported into Shanghai, China inspected against safety/hygienic requirements failed in the first half of 2012.

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