



## Special Features

### **Intertek Gains Notified Body Status For Gulf Mark (G Mark) Scheme**

Intertek, a leading quality solutions provider to industries around the world, has received formal approval as a notified body by the Gulf Standards Organization (GSO) and Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC) to test and certify products for the Gulf Mark (G Mark) scheme. This newly appointed designation has been granted to three Intertek locations in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Singapore, with six more facilities in the Americas and Europe pending similar approval.

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### **Intertek Launches Chemical Smart Screening Service for Textiles, Apparel and Footwear Industries**

Chemical Smart Screening is a proactive approach to identify and prevent the use of harmful chemicals at the beginning of the textile, apparel and footwear manufacturing processes. This preventative measure benefits retailers and manufacturers by decreasing production costs, turnaround time and the need for re-handling. Only a single sample is needed to screen raw materials for around 400 common harmful substances carefully selected from major chemical regulations, including Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), and U.S. state chemical regulations, like California's Proposition 65 and CPSIA, as well as for chemicals that are often included on companies' own restricted substances lists (RSL).

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### **Five New Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) Added to the Candidate List**

On 17 December 2015, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) officially added five new SVHCs to the Candidate List due to the carcinogenic, toxic to reproduction, persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), and very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) properties of the substances. The Candidate List of substances of very high concern (SVHCs) for authorization now contains 168 substances ...

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### **Gulf Cooperation Council Proposes Draft GCC Technical Regulation for Cosmetic Products**

The Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization (GSO) recently proposed a draft GCC Technical Regulation GSO 1943:2015 "Cosmetic Products -Safety Requirements of Cosmetics and Personal Care Products," which specifies the definitions of the product, safety requirements, labelling, product claims, packaging and rules for acceptance and rejection ...

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## **Company Activity**

### **Intertek to Exhibit at Hong Kong Toys & Games Fair and Hong Kong Fashion Week**

The Hong Kong Toys & Games Fair, the largest event of its kind in Asia and the second largest in the world, will feature 2,000 exhibitors from 37 countries and regions and provides international buyers with an excellent opportunity to plan ahead and source for the coming seasons. The event will run January 11-14, 2016, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre ...

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### Sourcing Tip: Compliance Management in Global Sourcing

Compliance management is vital when dealing with global sourcing of goods and products. Regulations and laws differ between countries and regions, making it important to ensure that goods sourced elsewhere meet the requirements of the local market and authorities. Product laws and regulations are continuously developing and updating, making it vital that you are able to manage and keep up-to-date with the laws and regulations as pertain to your company's products. [Read more](#)



## Standards & Regulations Updates

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