



Intertek Offers Effortless Chemical Safety Assessment Service

Under the new Toy Safety Directive (TSD) 2009/48/EC, toy manufacturers have the obligation to carry out safety assessments addressing various hazards that the toy may potentially present under Article 18 of the TSD. Although the chemical requirements under Part 3 of Annex II of the TSD do not come into force until July 20, 2013, it should be emphasized that the obligation to conduct **chemical safety assessment will be effective from July 20, 2011.**

The Challenge:

Many manufacturers got stuck while proceeding with chemical safety assessment (CSA) due to the lack of transparency across the supply chain with regards to the chemicals used in their products. More often than not, a lot of the chemicals used in different materials or components were not known to the toy manufacturers. This is usually a consequence of the deficiency in chemical knowledge of the suppliers or confidentiality of proprietary information, or a result of inadvertent sourcing from the open market. Many labs require full disclosure of "bill-of-substances" (BOS) before a CSA report may be reliably produced.

The Solution:

Dedicated to total customer focus and having our clients' concerns in mind, Intertek is thrilled to announce that the lack of BOS or chemical information is no longer an issue in conducting CSA. With a highly elaborated material database, incorporated with Intertek's proprietary customized chemical hazard database, plus a newly developed system logic taking into consideration essential exposure elements of age grade, play mode, children's behaviour, etc., Intertek generates a CSA report with minimal material information only. Hence, a detailed breakdown to chemical substance level may not always be a pre-requisite for Intertek's chemical safety assessment service.

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