



Intertek Acquires UKAS Accreditation for EN71-1:2011

The Challenge:

With increasing consumer concerns on toys safety, a new EU Toy Directive, 2009/48/EC, has been published in order to cope with evolving safety issues and improve enforcement activities. The new Toy Directive will be effective from July 2011 onwards.

For products first placed on the European market from July 20, 2011, there will be new legal requirements for toys resulting from the new Toy Directive.

A revised version of EN71-1 (Mechanical and Physical properties of toys) has just been published to reflect these new requirements. Some of the changes mean that toys which have complied with EN71-1 in the past may require modification to ensure continued compliance with EN71-1:2011. In addition, other amendments have also been made to EN71-1 which may similarly require manufacturers to consider their designs.

The Solution:

As a leading provider of quality and safety solutions, Intertek is proud to announce that our Hong Kong facility is the first and only testing laboratory in Hong Kong to have acquired the UKAS accreditation for EN71-1:2011 at the time of issuing this Sparkle.

UKAS, the United Kingdom Accreditation Service, is the sole accreditation body recognized by the UK government to assess, against internationally recognized standards, organizations that provide certification, testing, inspection and calibration services.

Accreditation by UKAS demonstrates the absolute competence, reliability, impartiality and sustainable performance of the Intertek Group. It is no doubt an assurance to all our clients who are seeking to partner with a service provider of eminent integrity and reputation.

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