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Consumer Product Safety Priorities 2023-24

- Chemicals in consumer products
- Reduce reliance on animal testing
- Increase testing of consumer products
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Set up in 2018, OPSS is the UK’s product regulator - Protecting people and places from product related harm.

Responsible for the regulation of most consumer goods, and the national regulator for construction products.

We hold policy responsibility for product safety, legal metrology (weights and measures), standards and accreditation, hallmarking, and Primary Authority.

We enforce regulations across the product lifecycle from design, manufacture and assessment through to supply, end use and safe disposal.

We seek to achieve multiple outcomes - growth, trade, innovation & protection.
Our Priorities

- Product Safety Review
- Regulating the On-line Supply Chain
- ‘Safety Study’ on E-bikes and E Scooters
- Joining up Product Regulation
- Construction Products
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Plenary session 2:
Global Regulator Updates
ACCC Product Safety Priorities 2023-24

- Product safety online
- Young children’s product safety
- Infant sleep
- Sustainability and maintaining product safety
Recent & upcoming actions

**Product safety online**
- Collaboration
- Enforcement

**Infant Sleep**
- Education
- Regulatory development of infant sleep standard
- babyproductsafety.gov.au

**Young Children**
- Regulation eg toppling furniture, toys for under 3,
- Enforcement eg Tesla

**Sustainability**
- Market study: lithium ion batteries
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Saudi Product Safety Program
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**Product Safety Definition**

It is an integrated model (legislative, technical, regulatory) that aims to ensure the safety of the local and imported products that are subject to the Saudi Standards, and to ensure the effectiveness of the legislative and regulatory authorities in a more integrated way. Therefore, achieving product safety by conforming those products to the technical regulations, especially to the basic technical requirements related to safety, health, environmental protection, and energy conservation.

**Initiative Purpose**

Protecting safety and public health by addressing and preventing hazards that arise from the initial of unsafe products in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, whether locally produced or imported*.

**Challenges**

- 90% of consumer goods are imported.
- Hazardous products in the market.

* it includes all products or categories of products except food, animal feed and pharmaceutical products.
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Products Safety Elements

**Issuance & Development of Systems**
- Product Safety Program
- Technical Standards Program

**Issuance of Technical Regulations & Legislations**
- Risk assessment of Products
- Determination of priorities
- International laws and legislations
- Issuance of Technical Regulations to suit the Saudi market

**Development of CAB Acceptance System**
- General regulation for Acceptance of CABs
- Initiating processes for CABs acceptance
- Periodic assessment of CABs & continuity of efficiency

**Product Safety Indicator**
- Conformity Indicator for products offered in the market
- Raising the value of the conformity indicator to reach 80%

**Development of Electronic/Automated Systems to Support Product Safety**
- Technical Regulations Committee System
- Conformity Indicators
- Product Registration and Tracking (SABER)
- Rapid information exchange (RASID)

**Launch of the Monitoring and Warning Center of Unsafe Products**
- Development of procedures for monitoring center operation
- Linking the center with its corresponding global/international centers

**Launching the Support and Awareness System for the Product Safety Program**
- Campaigns to raise awareness of quality and product safety
- Implementation of training plans for workers in the field of product safety
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Initiative Deliverables

Drafts of new laws on:
• product safety low
• standards low

Several technical regulations revised according to best international practices

Developing the notification scheme for conformity assessment bodies

Design a digital platform for products traceability (Saber Platform)

Design digital platform for the rapid exchange of information on dangerous products (so-called RASID)
## Saudi Products Safety Program

### Comparison

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<td>The Certificate of Consignment cost depends on the total value of products invoice.</td>
<td>The fixed fees of Certificate of shipment is (350 SR)</td>
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<td>7-15 Working days</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
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<td>Communicate with the conformity assessment Bodies by e-mail, telephone, meet the concerned parties.</td>
<td>A unified platform</td>
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<td>Lack of traders’ knowledge about required Bodies</td>
<td>Availability to choose the conformity assessment Bodies across the system</td>
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<td>Inspection by the Saudi customs</td>
<td>No Inspection needed (Relies on risk procedures of The Saudi customs)</td>
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European Union in Numbers till now

- **363,588** Shipment Certificates Based on Origin Country
- **252,686** Shipment Certificates Based on Shipping Country
- **270,511** PCoC
- **99.88%** European Union’s Product Conformity Percentage
- **15** CBs
- **18** Workshops

SABER Platform

Saudi Product Safety Program 2023
Discussion