

SAFEGUARDS

SGS CONSUMER TESTING SERVICES

HARDLINES, SOFTLINES, ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS, AUTO

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SINGAPORE CONSUMER GOODS SAFETY REQUIREMENT

With effect from April 1, 2011, the Consumer Protection Act has been expanded to include general consumer goods such as toys, baby products, textiles, DIY products, sports equipment. It will cover 15,000 categories up from current 45.

Currently, the Act covers a list of 45 electrical, electronic and gas home appliances considered as "Controlled Goods" which requires registration by SPRING, the national standards authority in Singapore, prior to being allowed to be on sale in Singapore. With the expanded scope, suppliers will now have to ensure that the general consumer goods will have to meet international safety standards published by bodies such as International Organisation for Standardisation, ASTM International, European Committee for Standardisation. No additional paperwork is required to be submitted.



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WHAT'S NEW?

Consumer goods that are required to meet international safety standards are :

- Children's Toys
- Baby Products
- Power Tools
- Textiles and Apparel
- Sports and recreation products
- Costume Jewellery

ENFORCEMENT

With the new regulations, SPRING Singapore can remove or ban general consumer goods deemed to be unsafe or those that do not meet International Safety Standards. Retailers and suppliers who fail to do so will face:

- a fine of up to S\$10,000 or
- jail term of up to two years.

SPRING will monitor goods sold by conducting random checks, consumers' feedbacks and shared information from overseas counterparts.

Through our global network of laboratories, SGS will be able to provide testing services to meet the international safety standards required to meet the new requirements.

Source: [SPRING - Consumer Protection \(Consumer Goods Safety Requirements\) Regulations 2011 \(CGSR\)](#)

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