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## TURKEY ANNOUNCES NEW REQUIREMENT FOR IMPORTED FOOTWEAR CONTAINING PHTHALATES

In November 2012, the Turkey Ministry of Economy implemented phthalates restrictions on imported footwear products under the Communiqué on Import Controls for Certain Consumer Products (Product Safety & Inspection: 2012/30). The regulatory control of certain imported footwear for 6 phthalates was set with the permissible limit at 0.1% w/w<sup>1</sup>. Recently, the Turkish authority amended the regulation, Communiqué on Import Controls for Certain Consumer Products (Product Safety & Inspection: 2014/18). Effective immediately, all parts of imported footwear products are subject to checking for phthalates content<sup>2</sup>.

The importers need to have documents, including test reports issued by a third party ISO 17025 accredited laboratory to demonstrate compliance to the phthalates restrictions for footwear products. These documents must be submitted to the Risk Based Control System in Foreign Trade (TAREKS). All parts of the footwear product must be tested regardless of whether the part will be in contact with the skin or whether it is accessible or inaccessible and must be declared to be in conformance with the regulation.

All imported footwear products falling into the scope shall be identified in TAREKS and in accordance with the system, products may be randomly selected for actual inspection. Products not compliant to the related legislation that are found in the actual inspection shall be announced in TAREKS. The restricted phthalates for imported footwear products are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1.

PARAMETERS	REQUIREMENTS
Phthalates	DEHP + DBP + BBP + DINP + DIDP + DNOP (max 0.1% by weight)



<sup>1</sup> [SGS-Safeguard 177/12](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Official Turkish Regulation \(in Turkish\)](#)

In accordance with the amended regulation, the Turkish customs can request the products from the actual inspection be re-analyzed due to the risk based control and risk analysis of the product and the importer. In this case, products will only be sent to accredited laboratories located in Turkey. SGS Turkey is one of the approved third party laboratories with ISO 17025 accreditation under this regulation to provide quality tests on imported footwear to comply with the phthalate restrictions.

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