



Activity Title and Number: EU-China Toy Safety Conference, A322C2

Beneficiary: General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ)

Location and Date: Beijing, 23-24 April, 2014

Stakeholders: CIQ at provincial level, Chinese Academy of Inspection and Quarantine

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

On 30 June 2009 the EU published a new Toy Safety Directive for the marketing of toys that are produced in and imported into the EU to reduce toy-related accidents. The toy sector has become one of the key sectors in China and has taken a significant market share in EU market. The parts of the Directive relating to chemical content came into force on 20 July 2013 and it considerably reduces the chemical content allowed in toys marketed in the EU, which will require Chinese manufactures to adapt their production processes. In this context, EUCTPII with the support of DG ENTR, held a two-day seminar to train provincial CIQ staff on the implementation of the new Directive and to inform representatives from industry on toy quality control.

Activity Description

The conference covered the following critical issues: (i) chemical safety assessment; (ii) self-certification; (iii) EC-type examination; and (iv) prioritisation of toys for market surveillance. Officials from DG ENTR and member states delivered lectures tailored to clarify several technical issues raised by Chinese officials from CIQ. More than 40 participants from provincial CIQs across China attended the conference, mainly from toy export areas such as Guangdong, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang. At the conference the official Chinese version of the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC, Technical Documentation Guidance for Toy safety Directive 2009/48/EC, Explanatory Guidance for Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC was disseminated.



Results and Dissemination

- ✓ AQSIQ and CIQ officials gained a better understanding of the latest EU Toy Safety Directive, which will improve the enforcement of safety standards and encourage the domestic toy industry to upgrade and modernise processes
- ✓ Strengthened ongoing bilateral cooperation on toy safety to facilitate trade.