



Safety in a complex supply chain



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Where are you in the supply chain?

- Manufacturer
- Importer
- Distributor



- Which Regulations apply?



Obligations are the same

Manufacturer



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Importer



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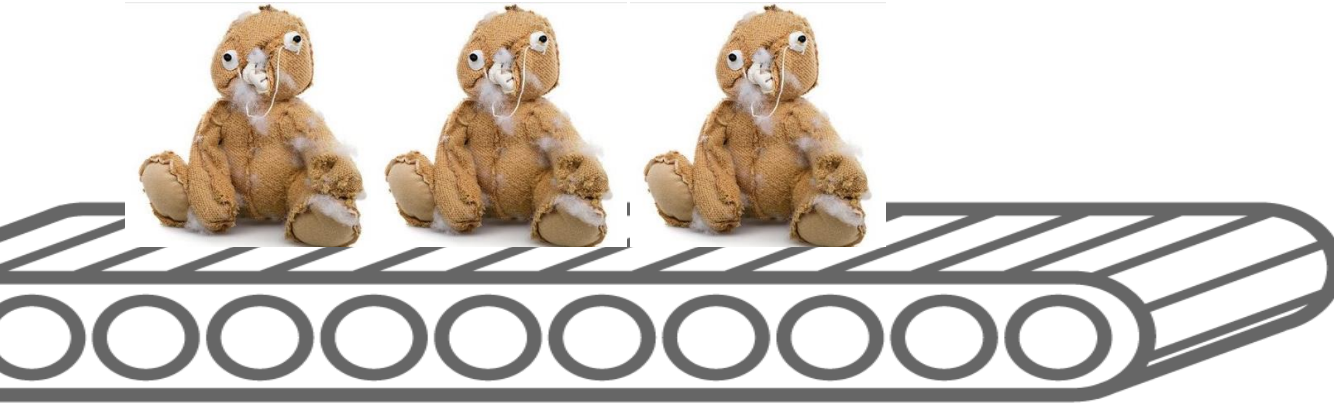
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Due diligence - Challenges for SMEs

- Ability to use external bodies/test house?
- Ability to cover gaps with additional test protocols?
- Identification of standards to fill the gaps?
- Contact with MSAs?
- Primary authority scheme feasible?
- Technical documentation obligations

'Conformity assessment' challenges for SMEs

Production control!..



Due diligence

Business companion – trading standards law explained...

“what is reasonable depends on the particular circumstances;
one factor will be size of the business concerned”

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
News Release
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Successful prosecution for Royal Borough's trading standards team

A Maidenhead company has been fined £500 and ordered to pay £1,015 costs after being found guilty of possessing for sale an unsafe travel adaptor which presented “a serious risk of electric shock” to anyone using it.

Best Price 2 U Ltd of Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead was found guilty at Bracknell Magistrates Court on Wednesday last week (17 March) to breaching section 12(1) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 in that the adaptor failed to comply with the Plugs and Sockets etc (Safety) Regulations 1994.

Cllr Phill Bicknell, lead member for public protection, said: “This was a serious safety issue – members of the public could have been injured by the adaptor and, as the court recognised, Best Price 2 U Ltd, had no procedures in place to check whether the items were safe or not and had no proper record or recollection of who had supplied the items to it or when. At best their approach was slapdash – at worst it was negligent.”

“We are working with other trading standards services across the country to ensure that

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In the absence of a harmonised standard...

Construct the product in conformity with the essential requirements (safety objectives)

The safety of a product will be **assessed** by taking into account:

- voluntary European standards or standards drawn up in the UK
- industry codes of good practice
- the state of the art and technology
- reasonable consumer expectations concerning safety

The manufacturer must include in the technical documentation a description of the solutions adopted to satisfy the safety objectives of the Directive.