Product Specifications

Screen your supply chain and meet the requirements of a ‘Reasonable Testing Program’

BUSINESS CHALLENGE
In today’s complex supply chain environment, retailers, vendors, brands and manufacturers are being challenged to work together to demonstrate compliance with mandatory regulations and to be aware of any potential non-compliance issues. A common concern arises when goods go from pre-production to the production phase or when additional orders are placed to refill store shelves. Retailers, vendors and brands need to quickly assess if the received item is the same as the expected product. If not, the product could be potentially non-compliant, because of a design or material change. At the same time in the US, requirements for the Reasonable Testing Program, proposed regulations under the Consumer Product Safety Improvement ACT, will mandate the inclusion of product specifications. What is a product specification? And are you prepared to use it to meet new regulatory requirements and screen your supply chain?

SOLUTION
Creating Product Specifications
A Product Specification is a document that provides critical defining information about a product and can include identification of the manufacturer; a list of rules, bans and standards that apply to the item; design specifications and product images that visually illustrate the product and note distinguishing characteristics. By documenting the product and its features, the specification can be a useful screening tool to identify when a pre-production product differs from one on the store shelf, signaling the possibility of a material or design change, and potentially a non-compliant product. Bureau Veritas can work with you to establish the parameters of your product specifications and automatically create the appropriate document to meet your screening and Reasonable Testing Program requirements.

What are the key benefits?
- Demonstrate compliance to regulatory requirements
- Gain insight into your supply chain by screening for product changes
- Create a ‘high degree’ of assurance that nothing has changed in your product since certification testing

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?
Reputation – For over 30 years, we have worked successfully with top manufacturers and retailers around the world to help them better manage risk and regulatory compliance.
Worldwide Locations – With locations close to sourcing areas in over 40 countries, we offer you the convenience of global coverage with local service where needed.
Technical Knowledge & Leadership – Our staff participate in the development of international, industry and regulatory standards worldwide.
Personalized Service – We are committed to meeting your evolving needs as you anticipate new market trends. We offer customized quality assurance services throughout your supply chain. Providing you with the highest level of service is our priority.

RELATED SERVICES
Our services work together to help you minimize the risk of recalls and returns, while protecting your brand equity.
- BV OneSource Web Solutions Suite
- Factory Assessments
- Security Assessments
- Social Audits
- Testing
- Training
- Consulting

Ask us how these services can benefit your company.
OUR Approach
At Bureau Veritas, our technical professionals can assist you in identifying consumer goods that will require product specifications, create the appropriate documents and implement a program that will meet your screening needs as well as the upcoming Reasonable Testing Program requirements. Product specifications can be used for all product types including apparel, electrical and hard goods, juvenile products and toys.

- **We make it simple:** Our technical professionals work with you to establish the parameters of your product specifications with the goal of creating a specific, cost-effective tool.
- **We take care of it all:** When a product sample is submitted, we will automatically create your product specification for you.
- **We provide easy access:** Our electronic format simplifies storage. For those companies using our document storage solution, Product Technical Folder, all materials can be stored in one place.
- **We boost confidence:** Through use of our Product Specifications, you will gain visibility into your supply chain and be in compliance with Reasonable Testing Program requirements.

FAQ
**Will all products require a product specification under the Reasonable Testing Program?**
No, product specifications under the Reasonable Testing Program will be mandated only for non-children’s products which currently require a General Conformity Certificate (GCC). However, the relatively low cost of a product specification and the benefit of using it as a screening tool make it worth considering for use across all product categories.

**How does this product specification differ from the one my company currently creates for its products?**
Many companies already create product specifications, often used to define a product for the purpose of production. The product specification required under a Reasonable Testing Program has some additional content requirements, such as a list of applicable rules, bans and standards. It is also intended to demonstrate units that were certified at preproduction are materially identical to those being produced.

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