

Safety Matters: Market Access Services Newsletter

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Africa

Morocco

[Certificate of Conformity \(CoC\) Scheme](#)

The Ministry of Industry, Trade, Green and Digital Economy (MICEVN) in the Kingdom of Morocco reinforces the mandatory Certificate of Conformity (CoC) requirements from January 1, 2021. The currently given flexibility of the so-called “declaration of honour”, concerning regulated shipments arriving at Morocco border points without CoC, ended on December 31, 2020.

Therefore, the Certificate of Conformity has to be presented for any consignment falling under the list of regulated products shared by MICEVN.

Follow the below links to access the Moroccan authority's circular, a list of regulated products, and more details on the CoC requirements.

[MICEVN Circular \(French\)](#)

[MICEVN Circular \(English\)](#)

[List of Regulated Products \(French\)](#)

[Morocco - Verification of Conformity Program Brochure \(English\)](#)

Kenya

[Draft Standard KS 494: 2020 Specification for Knitted Vests and T-Shirt](#)

Kenya Bureau of Standards published [Draft Kenya Standard KS 494:2020](#) which prescribes the requirements of knitted vests and T-shirts. This includes polo shirts, sport shirts and any other type of knitted vest or T-shirt.

Asia

Sri Lanka

Radio And Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (RTTE) Type Approval Rules 2020

Sri Lanka published the new [Radio And Telecommunications Terminal Equipment \(RTTE\) Type Approval Rules 2020](#) in Oct, which entered into force on 16 Dec 2020.

China

Mandatory Standards on Electric Vehicles and Batteries

Three Chinese [mandatory standards related to electric vehicles](#) were published and shall be effective from January 1, 2021. They are:

- 1) GB 18384-2020 Electric vehicles safety requirements
- 2) GB 38031-2020 Electric vehicles traction battery safety requirements
- 3) GB 38032-2020 Electric buses safety requirements

Japan

DENAN - Revision of "About Interpretation of Ministerial Ordinance for Establishing Technical Requirements for Electrical Appliances and Materials"

It was announced by METI that parts of ["About interpretation of ministerial ordinance for establishing technical requirements for electrical appliances and materials"](#) were revised on December 1, 2020.

Summary of this announcement:

- 7 J-standards were replaced with a newer edition.
- 1 J-standard was newly adopted.
- 24 J-standards were deleted due to the expiration of transition period.

Europe

United Kingdom

Placing Toys on the UK Market from January 1, 2021

The UK Toys (Safety) Regulations, which will be revised and become fully effective on January 1, 2021, is intended to be the same as the EU Toys Safety Directive 2009/48/EC. However, for certain

published amendments of the EU Toys Safety Directive that will become effective in 2021, whether the UK regulations will follow and adopt the amendments, or when to do so, is still not confirmed up to this moment. This will inevitably fall into a monitoring issue for toys companies importing their products to the UK.

[Please refer to the attachment for details.](#)

Switzerland

[List of Permitted Substances for the Production of Packaging Inks](#)

[Annex 10 of the Ordinance of the FDHA](#) (Federal Department of Home Affairs) on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs regarding List of permitted substances for the production of packaging inks, and related requirements, came into force on 1st December, 2020.

European Union (EU)

[New Version of Toy Safety Standard EN 71-2:2020](#)

The European Commission has published the new version of toy safety standard, EN 71-2:2020. It has been approved by CEN. This new version will supersede the current version of EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014.

This has still not yet been harmonized to the toy safety directive so that only EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014 is considered as the mandatory standard to show compliance with the toy safety directive.

However, it is expected that EN 71-2:2020 is to be cited in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) within 2021.

[Learn more.](#)

Middle East

Iraq

[Certificate of Registration \(CoR\) Scheme Implementation](#)

The According to the Iraqi Certificate of Registration Program (CoR) introduced by the Ministry of Trade, gradual implementation timelines are specified for each category falling under the scheme (see below table).

Effective from 1st January 2021, manufacturers and suppliers of “Electrical (Household Appliances, IT Equipment)” exporting to Iraq must obtain the CoR prior to shipments. This will be a mandatory prerequisite to be issued the import license.

As the sole certification body of the scheme, TÜV Rheinland experts worldwide are happy to receive the CoR scheme applications and provide any information required about the program in order for traders to achieve smooth market access.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the scheme.

[Ministry of Trade CoR Scheme Circular](#)

[Iraq - Certificate of Registration Scheme Brochure \(English\)](#)

Saudi Arabia

[Air Conditioners - Minimum Energy Performance, Labeling and Test Requirements requirement](#)

This standard specifies the Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) and the energy labeling requirements for single-package of window type, single split-system non-ducted air conditioners using air-cooled condensers, single split-system ducted air-conditioners using air-cooled condensers, and heat pumps using air-cooled condensers or using electric resistance for residential, commercial and industrial sector as applicable in accordance with SASO standards.

The standard applies to units designed to operate with the following voltages:

- AC single phase circuits of 220 V or 230 V,
- DC single phase up to 400V,
- Designed for dual voltage (including DC) up to 400V,
- Voltage range including above values, and three phase circuits of 380 V or 400 V
- At frequency of 60 Hz.

The standard covers units with capacities up to and including 65,000 Btu/h (19 kW).

Note: For any additional requirements such as safety, please refer to SASO related standards.

The following units are excluded from the scope of this standard:

- Units covered by SASO 2874: 2016 “Air Conditioners – Minimum Energy Performance Requirements and Testing Requirements” standard

- Evaporative coolers
- Mobile (windowless) and portable units with exhaust air duct
- Individual assemblies not constituting a complete refrigeration system such as condensing units for separate use
- Models that have been granted exemption by SASO due to specific design for applications such as air-conditioners that are not intended for human comfort

Proposed date of adoption: Jan. 04, 2021. Proposed date of entry into force: Jan. 10, 2021. Final date for comments: Feb. 09, 2021

North America

Mexico

[New Catalog \(Product List\) for Energy Consumption Information for Consumers PROY](#)

The Conuee (National Commission for the Efficient Use of Energy) has published on December 18th in the [Official Gazette of the Federation](#), the Catalog of equipment and devices that should include clear, simple and visible information for the public, regarding their energy consumption.

The catalog reduces from 44 to 40 the number of equipment and devices required to comply with that provision. It also includes the guidelines and formats that manufacturers, importers, distributors and marketers must send to this Commission through an electronic capture system, which will be available in the authority website.

The new catalog will take effect 60 days after its publication and should be updated every two years.

Canada

[ISED Supplementary Procedure to Radio Standards Specification, RSS-102 SPR-004](#)

The Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is seeking comments on the following [CONSULTATION: RSS-102 SPR-004, issue 1](#), "Time-Averaged Specific Absorption Rate (TAS) Assessment Procedures for Wireless Devices Operating in the 4 MHz – 6 GHz Frequency Band".

This Supplementary Procedure to Radio Standards Specification (SPR) sets out the general test methods to be followed when carrying out an RF exposure compliance assessment of wireless devices implementing device-based time averaging methods for the management and/or mitigation of Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) in the 4 MHz – 6 GHz frequency band.

Comments are due no later than February 23rd, 2021.

Oceania

Australia

Mandatory Standards on Button and Coin Batteries

Four mandatory standards have been introduced to reduce the risk of death and injury associated with the use of button and coin batteries. The requirements of the mandatory standards are applicable to both button cell and coin cell batteries. They are:

- Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard
- Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard
- Consumer Goods (Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard
- Consumer Goods (Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard

Products containing button/coin batteries include but are not limited to:

- Remote controls
- Watches
- Computers
- Cameras
- Calculators
- Torches
- Flameless candles
- Fitness devices
- Digital kitchen and bathroom scales
- Musical greeting cards
- Home medical devices

For details, please click [here](#).

New Zealand

Minimum Energy Performance and Labelling Requirements for Air Conditioners

New Zealand notified the proposed changes to the current minimum energy performance standard (MEPS) and labelling requirements for air conditioners in G/TBT/N/NZL/78 under article 2.9.2 of the

TBT.

Minimum energy performance and labelling requirements have been adopted in the Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Regulations 2002. The instrument was gazetted on 17 December 2020 and commenced on that day. The minimum energy performance and labelling requirements for air conditioners enter into force on 1 July 2021.

Objectives of the amendments:

- Alignment of standards and regulation with New Zealand's major trading partner, Australia, and with international standards.
- Ensuring improvements in product technologies are available on the New Zealand market, which will lead to increased productivity and lower energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Ensuring that consumers are better informed about energy-using products so that they can make informed decisions that reduce their overall energy costs;
- Contributing to the government's priority "Efficient use of energy" under the New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011-2021.
- Contributing to the target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2050.

South America

MERCOSUR

Resolution No. 16/20: Technical Regulation on Provisions for Metallic Packaging and Equipment in Contact with Foodstuffs

The Modification of Resolution GMC No. 46/06 "MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on Provisions for Packaging, Coatings, Utensils, Covers and Metal Equipment in Contact with Foods" was published on December 17, 2020.

This amendment provides provisions for metallic packaging, lining, utensils, lids, and equipment that are in contact with foodstuffs.

This Resolution must be incorporated into the national legislation of each individual Member Country before June 15, 2021.

Andean Community

Technical Regulation on Labelling Requirements of Garments / Apparel

The general secretariat of the Andean Community (Comunidad Andina - CAN) issued Resolution 2173 to amend the enforcement date of Resolution 2019 on Labelling Requirements of Garments/ Apparel (article 19), which will now be November 15, 2021. Member Countries considering to enforce this Resolution prior to this date, shall communicate the decision to the General Secretariat of the Andean Community sixty (60) calendar days prior to its implementation in order to report the update to other Member Countries.

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