



SPEAC Training Series on EU Product Safety Rules for Toys and Juvenile Products

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Recognizing and Avoiding Common Products Safety Problems

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Welcome to SPEAC



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It can be challenging to identify rules and understand how to comply with requirements for product safety.

- The Directorate General of Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) of the European Commission has launched the SPEAC project to inform Chinese businesses about European safety requirements for non-food consumer products.
- Toys and childcare products are priority product groups of the SPEAC project.





Overview of webinar

- Survey on pre-training understanding
- Overview of product safety risks in the EU
- Root causes of problems
- Manufacturers responsibilities
- Survey on learning gains and feedback
- Questions and Answers



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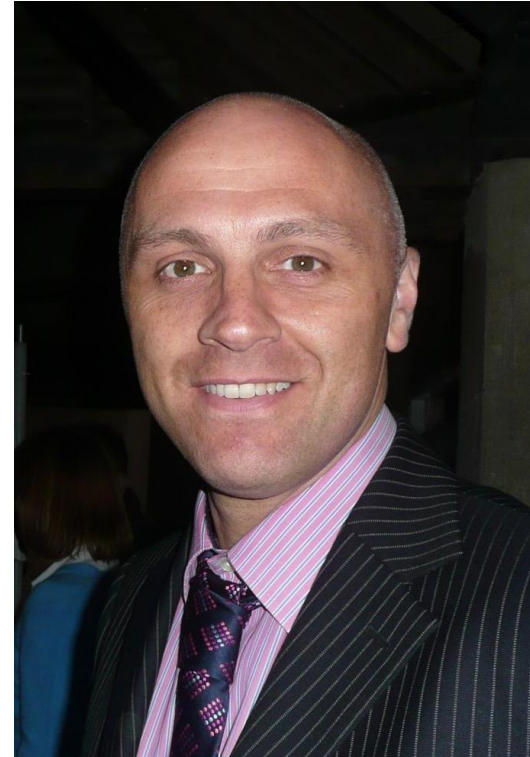


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TOPIC 1

Overview of serious product safety risks relating to toys identified in the EU



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What problems exist?

- Is there a real problem?
- Where does the evidence come from?
- What is the evidence?



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Quick exchange of safety information

Information sharing between
EU member States and the
European Commission

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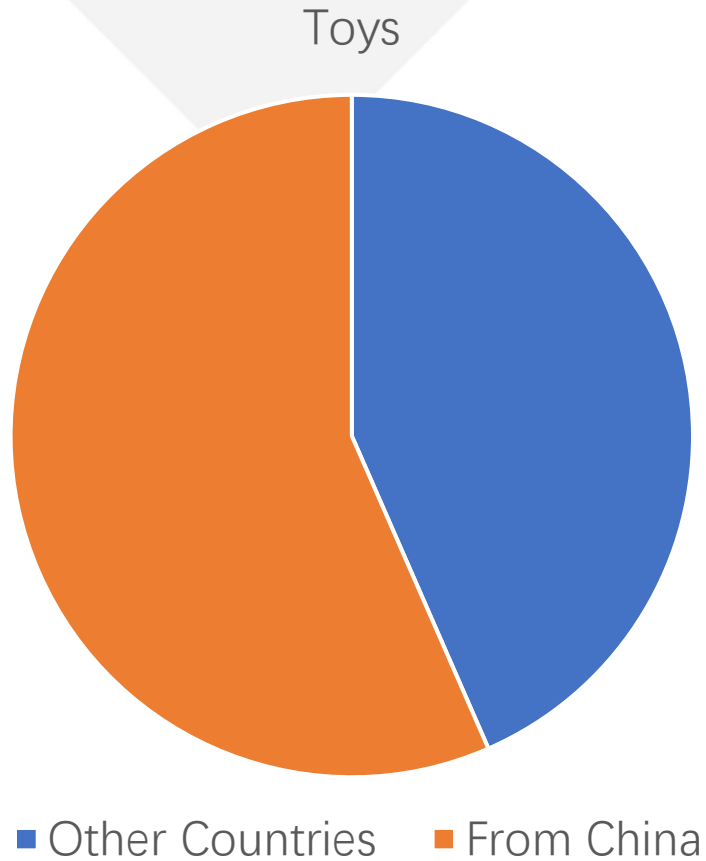
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What does the information tell us?

- Total safety alerts (all products) **3600**
- Total safety alerts (toys) **976**
- From China **552** (56%)

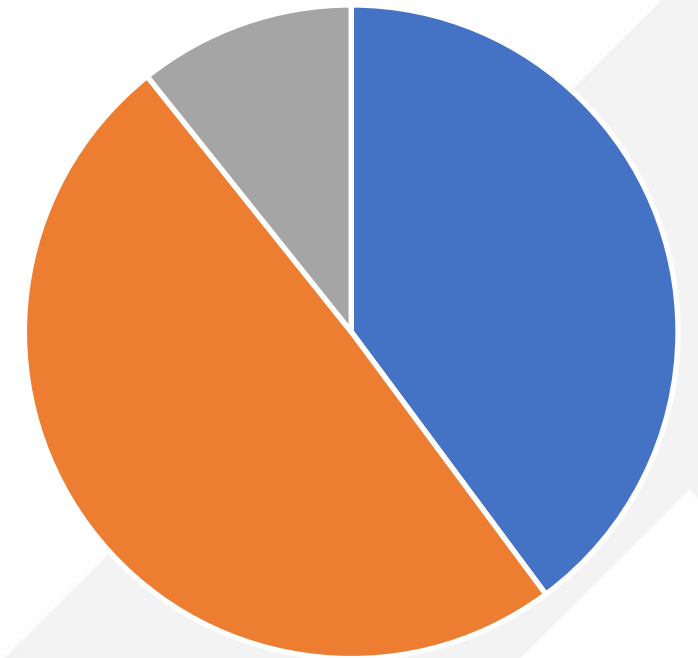


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What type of safety issues?

- Mechanical risks 37% (-> choking)
- Chemical risks 46% (-> poisoning)

Safety issue



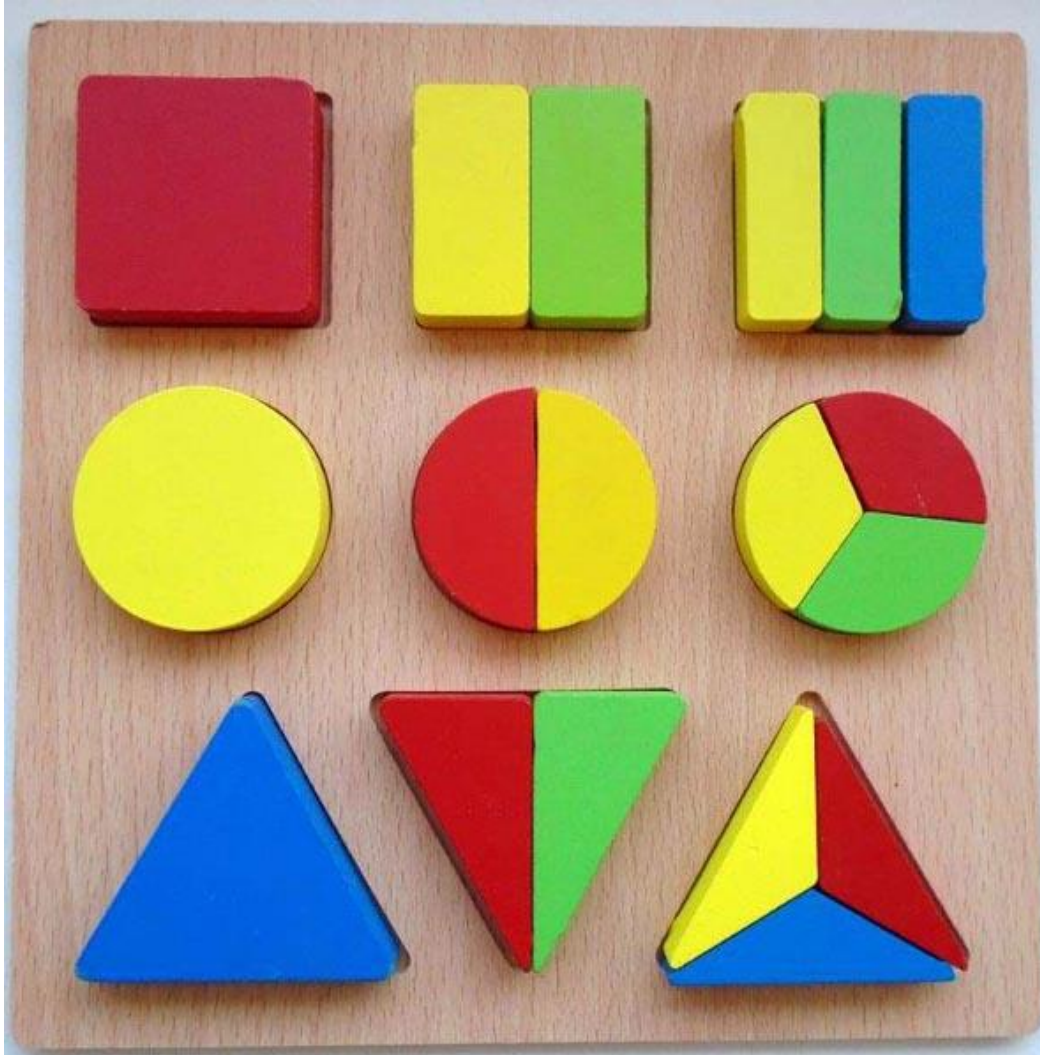
■ Choking ■ Chemical
■ Other



Choking example



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Choking example



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Choking example





Chemical example



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Chemical examples



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Chemical example



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What makes a toy DANGEROUS?

Small parts



choke, suffocation

Flamability



burns

Lack of ventilation



suffocation

Sharpness of edges & points



cuts and punctures

Chemical product



poisoning



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Choking hazard - small parts



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Chemical hazard – excess lead



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TOPIC 2

What are the root causes of the identified problems?

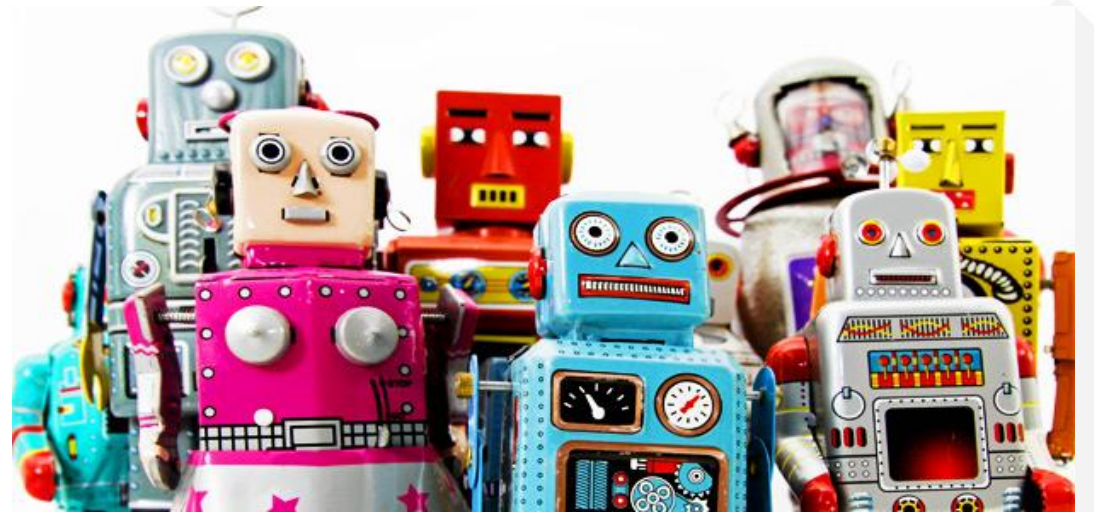


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How can the safety problems arise?

- Design
- Production
- Conformity assessment
- Distribution
- Consumer behavior



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Popular and emerging toys



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What are the solutions to the identified problems?

- Communication – discuss with suppliers of raw materials, discuss with clients
- Pre-production – view Safety Gate (RAPEX), labelling and packaging to consider too
- During production – consistency checks, quality checks
- Post-production – simple checks both visual and physical. Exam final product



TOPIC 3

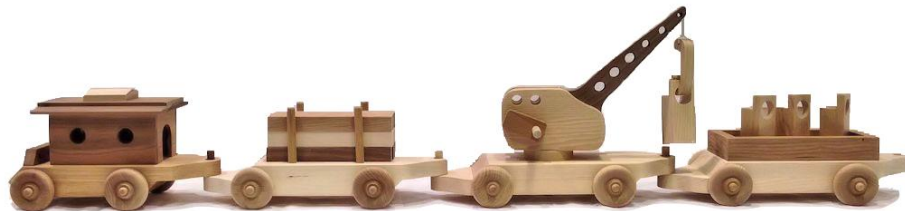
What are the key responsibilities for manufacturers in ensuring only safe toys are placed on the EU market?





Key responsibilities

- Ensure toy complies
- Ensure correct documentation is produced & retained
- Labelling (e.g. CE marking)
- Instructions and information
- Sample testing



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What does the CE Mark mean?





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Consequences and addressing problems

Mini Case Study

- Legal consequences – liability & contractual
- Reputational risk
- Money – cost of recall, and potential loss of business



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Questions & Answers



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Closing remarks

- Thank you very much for attending the webinar!
- Certificates and PPT will be sent through email!
- More trainings will be organized!



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