

GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE



**CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT OF TOYS
AS PER GSO TECHNICAL
REGULATIONS**




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1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (PCA) MANDATE

PROGRAM NAME	Gulf Conformity Tracking System (GCTS)
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	GCC Standardization Organization (GSO)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	<p>Toys: for the full copy of the Toys regulation click here</p> <p>1.1. 1 Jan 2014 (except chemical requirements)</p> <p>1.2. 15 July 2015 (chemical requirements included)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Requirement of GCTS is introduced on 1 July 2016 to be mandatory since 1 April 2017.
PROGRAMME SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the adequacy of designs of the regulated products and their compliance with the implemented GSO regulations. • Issuance of the Gulf Type Examination Certificate(s). • Issuance of Verification of Conformity Certificate(s). • Registering the products on GCTS (Gulf Conformity Tracking System).
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs verification • Sample verification • Laboratory testing • Documentary verification
FORMS OF ATTESTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf Type Examination Certificate for Toys complying with GSO technical regulation. • Certificate of Conformity (for complying toys shipped to GCC from unlinked importers). • Gulf Conformity Tracking Symbol (G MARK with QR Code) to be affixed on the product(s), their packages and/or instruction manuals. (As per the regulation requirements). <div align="center" data-bbox="635 1809 1050 2047">  </div>

PURPOSE OF ATTESTATION	The GCTS will be checked by clearance authorities and market surveillance to assess the compliance of the products.
2. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
INSPECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection is not applicable for Gulf Type Examination Certificate for Toys • Inspection is only applicable for Certificate of Conformity (CoC).
TESTING	<p>Test reports only from the following entities will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGS and/or Notified Body Laboratories. • Laboratory that is ILAC Accredited laboratories. • Laboratory that is ISO17025 accredited laboratories and in accordance with Article 22 of the GSO toys regulations BD131704-01.
STANDARDS	<p>Applicable standards: GSO approved standards can be found on: GSO Harmonized Standards - GSO Notification System</p>
CERTIFICATION ISSUANCE	<p>Documents required for CoC issuance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for Certification (RFC). 2. List of models. 3. EN 71 and REACH test report(s) from a notified body or ILAC Accredited lab. 4. Risk analysis / assessment. 5. Bill of material (BOM). 6. Production workflow of the factory or ISO 9001 certificate of the factory. 7. Product specification sheet (if available). 8. Clear images of the toys. 9. Instruction manual of toys (if applicable). 10. Trade License copy of the Manufacturer (Brand Owner) and factory. 11. Brand registration certificate of the Manufacturer / Brand Owner. 12. Letter of Authorization from the brand owner. 13. Scope and accreditation of the testing lab. 14. Manufacturer Declaration of Conformity.
3. REGULATED PRODUCTS AND HS-CODES	
REGULATED PRODUCTS	Children toys or toys: Products designed or intended, whether or not exclusively for use in play by children under 14 years of age.

HS-CODES

Product Type	HS Code
Bicycles and other cycles (including delivery tricycles) – not motorized	87120010
Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; doll carriages, dolls, other toys, reduced size (scale) models and similar recreational models, working or not, and puzzles	95030010
Dolls	95030020
Balloons	95030030
Puzzle games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof.	95030090
Other games, operated by coins, banknotes, bank cards, tokens or by other means of payments, other than bowling alley equipment	95043000
Dice games (table, ladder and serpent, monopoly, etc.)	95049000
Festive, carnival or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes	95050000
Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics, athletics, other sports (including table-tennis) or outdoor games, swimming pools and paddling pools	95060000

4. MARKINGS AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Instruction of use (*In Arabic mandatory and English optional*)
- Instruction and safety information (*In Arabic mandatory and English optional*)
- Warnings (*In Arabic mandatory and English optional*)
- Traceability Information – The brand name, registered trade name or trademark, the address, the country of origin, the country of manufacturing, the product name and net content (*In both Arabic and English*)
- Age Grade (*Numeric*)
- GCTS (G Mark logo with QR Barcode) on the package and / or product (*Mandatory*)

5. FEES

Fees are billed as per level of intervention of SGS in the conformity assessment procedure.

The fees can cover:

- The Documentary verification
- The Testing
- GSO registration fees (GCTS)
- Verification of design
- The Issuance of Gulf Type Examination
- The Application Review fees

6. EXCEPTIONS

Products not included in Children's Toy Scope:

- Decorative objects for festivities and celebrations
- Products for collectors intended for users over 14 years of age.
- Sports equipment
- Bicycles with a maximum saddle height of 435 mm

- Scooters used to travel on public roads.
- Electric vehicles
- Aquatic equipment intended to be used in deep water.
- Puzzles with more than 500 pieces
- Guns and pistols using compressed gas.
- Fireworks and games using sharp pointed missiles.
- Functional education products
- Products intended to be used for educational purposes.
- Electronic equipment
- Interactive software
- Babies soothers
- Child-appealing luminaires
- Electrical transformers for toys
- Fashion accessories for children which are not for use in play.

7. GSO CERTIFICATION PLATFORM

GSO have launched online portal, where all the tasks related to G-Mark certification shall be carried by both Notified Bodies and authorities:

- Tracking of the applications.
- Notified Bodies can initiate certification requests.
- GCTS (QR-Code) creation.
- Submission of technical documents and product photos.
- Review and approval of certificates by GSO.

Since **1st of October 2023**, all the certificates issued in the GSO portal are **E-Certificates**.

For more information, [click here](#)

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