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Brazilian Product Certification Program - TOYS -

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- OBJECTIVE

To provide a general overview on the Brazilian toy sector, focusing on the Product Certification Program, and also to present our expectations related to this productive sector, specially concerning the need to develop an international standard on toys safety

About INMETRO, the National Institute of Metrology and Quality :

- Federal Autarchy, under the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade.
- Executive Secretariat of the Brazilian System on Conformity Assessment
- Regulatory authority, including toys sector
- Organisms and Laboratories National Accreditor

The toys sector in BRAZIL

- Sold units, per year: 150 millions
- Sales volume, annual: US\$ 1,1 billions
- Imported toys participation: 45%
- Number of manufacturers in Brazil: 441
- Number of certification organisms accredited by Inmetro: 5
- Number of certified toys sold since implementation: 3 billions
- 27 years with no accidents with toys manufactured in Brazil
- The Brazilian toy sector has no problems in environmental sector, including the Green Peace

TOYS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN BRAZIL

background



- Launched in 1998, in a standard basis of the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards, as well as a Inmetro Standard.
- Revised in 2005, by means of Inmetro Regulation 108/2005 informing that the certification must be done in Mercosur Technical Regulation (RTM) basis.
- Revised in 2007, keeping the Mercosur regulation basis, however adopting the Conformity Assessment procedure established by Inmetro, in accordance with the world crisis of the toy sector.
- In June/July, 2009 a new Conformity Assessment procedure established by Inmetro will be launched, with the Mercosur regulation kept as toy assessment basis.

ADJUSTMENTS POST 2007



- Certification applying ISO Model 7 (Batch Testing) for imported toys .
- Certification applying ISO Model 7 (Batch Testing) and, alternatively, Certification with periodic assessment of the Quality Management System and Type Testing (Model 5), to domestic toy.
- Testing must be done in Brazilian Laboratories.
- Exclusion of the Certification based on Type Testing followed by periodic evaluations in samples collected from the market or from the manufacturer (ISO Model 4).

ADJUSTMENTS IN DISCUSSION



- Optional use of the Model 7 (Batch testing) or the Model 5 (Assessment of the Quality Management System and Toy Type Testing), applied to domestic and imported toys.
- Acceptance of testing results from foreign laboratories, conditioned to Inmetro's accreditation or ILAC accreditor member, except to certification on Model 7 (Batch Testing) – in that case the laboratory must be accredited by Inmetro.
- In Model 5, the frequency of evaluations will differ based on the performance of the certification, which may vary among 4, 8 or 12 months.
- Adoption of certification based on Type testing, followed by assessment in samples collected from the market and from the manufacturer, however restrict to craft toys from SME. The testing must be done in each toy model.

OUR EXPECTATIONS RELATED TO TOY SECTOR



- Inmetro (regulator), ABNT (Brazilian standardization body) and Abrinq (Brazilian Toys Manufacturer Association) support the initiative for the international standard development on toy safety.
- ABNT is interested in participate actively in the above mentioned standard development, and intends to concur to the chairman position or to the Committee Executive Secretariat on ISO TC 181.
- Our understanding is that ICTI should perform a leadership role in actions related to the international standard development for safety toys, especially, in what refers to ISO articulations.
- Inmetro (regulator) is willing to work in Mercosur scope concerning the use of the international standard for safety toys as a basis for the toy technical regulation in such economic regional block.

Thank you!!