

Intro to Unit 4 Product Safety

UNIT DESCRIPTION

This unit will provide you with the knowledge and understanding of product safety legislation and how it structures and facilitates the role of market surveillance operations and strategies to ensure the safety of consumer goods in the market.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Courses are offered each year for this and all Units. You will be taught in line with the unit learning outcomes. It is also expected that you will undertake your own learning, by ensuring you are familiar with all areas shown in the unit syllabi.

Qualifications Framework courses will use different learning delivery methods. You will have two classroom-based days with the trainer. Access to an on-line portal that provides you with on-going detailed course notes, inter block assessments plus remote sessions, with the trainer and other trainees.

In addition to this, the trainer may choose to provide, via the on-line portal, videos or other learning materials, as they deem necessary; these additional learning materials will be provided throughout the duration of the course.

You are expected to complete all assessments/assignments, as notified to you, by your trainer. You will upload them for marking, by the designated deadline.

Written exam: You will register for Stage 2 and complete the associated 1.5 hour written exam and demonstrate the knowledge requirements for this subject.

Portfolio: You will complete the associated portfolio and demonstrate the skills requirement for this subject.

UNIT INFO

Assessment types & Deadlines:

Written exam (1.5 hours)
Portfolio (final submission deadline April)

Resources information:

Portfolio guidance

Portfolio Matrixes area

Previous examination papers

Unit designated learning hours:

200 hours (delivered by both training and self-learning hours)

Qualifications Team info:

Available Mondays to Fridays.
9am to 4pm

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CLASSIFICATION OF MARKS

All examinations are marked out of 100% and with a pass mark of 40%.

On passing an examination/coursework you will be graded with the following classifications: Distinction, Merit and Pass.

All effort should be made to gain the highest mark possible throughout the examining process.

Classification	Marks
Distinction	70-100%
Merit	60-69%
Pass	40-59%
Fails	0-39%

QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

All forms of assessment fall within strict regulations and you must ensure you understand and adhere to all regulation requirements.

The regulations that cover all aspects of the Qualifications Framework qualifications can be found on our website:

<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/practitioners/training-development/qualifications-resources#stage2info>

Please ensure you are familiar with all aspects within the regulations, taking particular notice of any area relating to examinations, coursework and deadlines.

CTSI will publish announcements surrounding the Qualifications Framework qualification from time to time. These are found here:

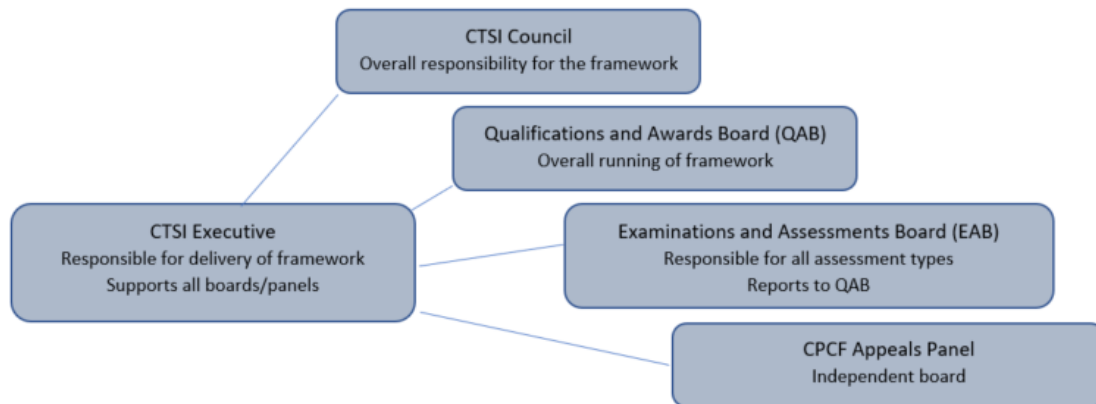
<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/practitioners/training-development/qualifications-resources#announcementsupdates>

It is important that you are aware of any notifications provided by CTSI throughout the year to ensure you are meeting any/all requirements that the Executive or the Qualifications and Awards Board have put out.

GOVERNANCE

For more detailed information on the governance of the Qualifications Framework, you will find this within the regulations. Below outlines the governance structure approved by CTSI Council.

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UNIT SYLLABI

NOTE: The legislation outlined in this syllabus is not an exhaustive list. Candidates will be required to answer questions in accordance with this syllabus.

The examiners may expect candidates to show knowledge of legislation which is in place but not yet in force when it is directly relevant to the subject matter of the examination.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this module the student will be able to demonstrate:

- The Legal provisions that regulate product safety, including general regulation and harmonised sector specific regulations requiring UKCA/CE marking, in particular Electrical Equipment, Toys, PPE, Machinery, Cosmetics, Chemicals in Consumer Goods and General Product Safety Regulations.
- The role of conformity assessment and traceability in ensuring product safety, and the documents used to demonstrate it.
- Obligations of economic operators.
- Market surveillance and enforcement obligations and powers.
- The role of product and process risk assessment and the different types of corrective action.
- The role of all authorities in product safety market surveillance including at the border.
- The role and use of the Product Safety Alert database.
- How Regulations 765/2008, Decision 768/2008 and the Blue Guide affect the UK market surveillance framework post EU Exit

Indicative areas of study

The range, function and extent of legal controls, together with relevant guidance, which relate to the market surveillance of product safety.

The following terms have been used to indicate the level of knowledge required in each element;

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Detailed: To an in-depth level, and with a fine degree of distinction between concept

Working: With the ability to apply the learning to situations so as to resolve problems

Basic: Having an awareness of the organisations and concepts

Assessments will reflect the requisite level of knowledge in each given area of the syllabus.

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Syllabus

Detailed knowledge of:

In relation to the indicative legislation, knowledge of:

- Definitions
- Criminal offences and defences
- The concept of 'safety' and how this applies in legislation intended to assure it for products.
- How general product safety provisions and harmonised regulations regulate the safety of consumer products.
- The role of product and process risk assessment and the different types of corrective action.
- The range of products regulated by product specific legislation (both harmonised and non-harmonised). Particular focus will be on Toys, Electrical Equipment, Cosmetics, Chemicals in Consumer Products, Machinery, Personal Protective Equipment and products aimed at vulnerable consumers
- The impact and application of relevant case law.
- The concepts and function of the New Approach and New Legislative Framework for legislative harmonisation.

Working knowledge of:

- The concepts of 'hazard', 'risk', risk assessment and risk management. These are integral to the knowledge contained in this section but is covered in more depth in the Regulating Markets syllabus.
- Roles, responsibilities and obligations of market surveillance authorities and economic operators.
- Conformity assessment and the role of technical documentation in determining the safety of goods.
- Traceability of products, components/materials used in products.
- Standards and standards making, including the status of standards in product safety legislation and their harmonisation, certification marks.
- The roles and responsibilities of other market surveillance agencies responsible for product safety.

Basic knowledge of:

- The background and rationale that underpin product safety legislation under Chapter 1 of the EU Acquis
- How market surveillance and criminal liability overlap with civil law constructs such as contract, tort and product liability.

Indicative Legislation:

- Consumer Protection Act 1987 Part II and the regulations made under this legislation which relate to product safety (including those originally made under the European Communities Act and designated as safety regulations by the Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
- Consumer Protection Act 1987 Parts IV and V as they apply to product safety.
- General Product Safety Regulations 2005.