

## Examiner's Report

### Qualifications Framework

#### Stage 2: Unit 4 Product Safety Written Examiner's Report November 2025

#### General

A total of ten candidates sat the examination during this round, and marks were slightly higher than previous cohorts, ranging from 27% to 58 % with all but four candidates achieving a pass mark.

Some candidates did not answer sufficient questions and therefore significantly reduced their likelihood of obtaining a pass mark. On occasion candidates completely missed the point of some questions and provided a long answer but with little relevant to the question at hand.

Some candidates were still missing basic knowledge of product safety, or appropriate application of what they did know, but generally the standard was good, with a number of candidates demonstrating an excellent grasp of what is a complex area of law and practice.

There follows a detailed summary of candidate performance by question.

Yet again there were examples of difficult to read handwriting which made awarding marks challenging where certainty in the answer provided was necessary.

#### Part A

**Q1** This question was answered by five candidates who scored between 2 and 5 marks out of ten. Most of the marks were relatively easy for candidates familiar with the standard, but talking about it's application to toys demonstrated a serious lack of knowledge.

**Q2** This question was answered by seven candidates who scored between 2 and 6 marks out of the ten available. There were some good answers but also some poor ones. An understanding but also the ability to explain the process of conformity assessment is fundamental to product safety, and therefore it needs to be not only understood but also applied.

**Q3** This question was a popular question, answered by nine candidates with mixed results as the marks ranged between one and five out of ten. Placing on the market and making available on the market are legal constructs, and understanding of which and the distinction between them is essential to understanding supply chains and the legal obligations of economic operators

**Q4** This question was answered by seven candidates, who scored between 2 and 5 marks, but given the simplicity of the concept, it was generally not answered well. Serious risk is referred to in the RAMS regulation, aligned vertical regulation and the PRISM risk assessment methodology. Discussions of any of these would have obtained marks, but instead candidates tended to talk about risk and recalls in general terms. Serious risk requires rapid intervention, but this may not be to recall products.

**Q5** This question was only answered by three candidates, but those who did attempt it did relatively well scoring between five and six marks out of ten. There was clear understanding that the product is regulated under the framework for machinery, but more marks could have been obtained with a discussion of conformity assessment under this legislation.

**Q6** This question was answered by six candidates and generally answers were very good with marks ranging from three to eight out of ten. A Product Safety Incident Plan is set out in PAS 7100 and forms part of the Product Safety Management Plan set out in PAS 7050.

**PART B**

**Q7** This question was answered by six candidates and was generally adequately answered with marks ranging from ten to seventeen out of thirty. There was correct identification of the application of the General Product Safety Regulations, but more marks could have been obtained by a more detailed consideration of used product hazards and the methodology to identify them. Again PAS 7050 offers useful guidance on this through the development of a PSMP for second-hand products and producer/distributor obligations

**Q8** N/a

**Q9** N/a

**Q10** N/a