

CTSI Professional Competency Framework (CPCF) written examination

Unit 4: Product Safety

May 2021

Guidance for this examination

Please ensure that you indicate, by ticking (✓) the relevant box on the front of your examination booklet, the law viewpoint from which you will be answering: English, Scottish or Welsh.

The examiners may expect candidates to show knowledge of legislation which is in place but not in force (i.e., has been enacted) and regulations which have been made but are not yet in force, if they are directly relevant to the subject-matter of the examination.

Examination structure

There are two sections to the examination paper:

Section A Consists of six questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.
Total allocation of marks is 40 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 30 minutes.

Section B Consists of four questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Total allocation of marks is 60 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 60 minutes.

Total time allowed – one hour thirty minutes (plus ten minutes' reading time).

Note:

The Product Safety paper is a **closed book**; no materials are permitted to be taken into the examination room.

*The examination paper has **four** pages, including this front sheet.*

Exam: Unit 4: Product Safety

Exam cycle: May 2021

Date: 11 May 2021

Reading time: 10 minutes

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Max: 100 marks

Section A

Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.

Each question carries ten marks.

Total: 40 marks.

1. Outline the main obligations of the responsible person under the Cosmetic Products Regulation. (10 marks)

2. Briefly outline the conformity assessment of a mains electrical product, including the technical documentation which must be generated before it is placed on the GB market. (10 marks)

3. Under what circumstances must an economic operator consider a recall of a product, and what powers are available to Trading Standards Officers to require them to go ahead with the recall in the event that they are unwilling to do so? (10 marks)

4. Explain why traceability of products through the supply chain and back to the manufacturer is important in ensuring that products are safe. (10 marks)

5. What products must have a standard plug fitted to them, and what are the requirements for the construction of the plug? (10 marks)

6. Outline the regulatory requirements for the selling of second-hand toys. (10 marks)

Section A total of 40 marks.

End of Section A.

Section B
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Each question carries 30 marks.
Total: 60 marks.

7. You receive a complaint from a consumer who rented a 16.5 feet telescopic ladder from a local branch of a national tool hire store. The complainant is of average size and weight, but the ladder buckled when he was halfway up it, leading to injury to both legs which required hospital inpatient treatment. The ladder was supplied without instructions and all of the labelling had worn off.
- (a) What regulatory framework would apply to the supply of this product? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)
- (b) What are the legal obligations placed on the tool hire business for the supply of this product? (10 marks)
- (c) How would these obligations be carried out in practice? (5 marks)
- (d) If the business also supplied machinery products, such as chainsaws, what legislation would apply to such a hire, and what obligations would they have? (10 marks)
(total of 30 marks)
8. You notice a respiratory mask being advertised, on the internet, which states that it will protect the wearer against a selection of hazards, including contagion with coronavirus. The mask is similar to other respiratory masks which form a seal around the mouth and nose, and filters air via two inlets, one on either side. The product carries the CE and UKCA marks but no other labelling.
- (a) What legislation would apply to such a product? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)
- (b) If you requested documentation to demonstrate the conformity of the product, what would you expect to receive and what would be your legal basis for the request? (20 marks)
- (c) If the product were compliant, what labelling would you expect it to have? (5 marks)
(total of 30 marks)

Section B continues over the page.

9. A local toy manufacturer approaches you for advice in relation to conformity assessment of a range of wooden toys, intended for children under three years.

(a) What advice would you provide in relation to ensuring that the toys are safe and comply with the relevant legislative requirements?

(15 marks)

(b) If, despite following your advice, they were to supply a toy which is considered unsafe, what advice would you give them in relation to planning for this eventuality?

(15 marks)

(total of 30 marks)

10. An economic operator will not be able to avail themselves of the due diligence defence if they haven't met their basic economic operator obligations under the New Legislative Framework.

Discuss whether or not this is true with reference to the obligations of manufacturers of electrical products placed on the market in Great Britain.

(30 marks)

Section B total of 60 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.