

## Product Safety –BIBLIOGRAPHY

Relates to the syllabus for the DCATS examination in product safety.

This bibliography provides candidates with additional sources of reading and reference in order as to help them with their studies and preparation for the examination in this subject. It does not purport to be an exhaustive list of the reading relating to topics that are within the scope of the syllabus.

Candidate should be aware that product safety is an aspect of trading standards and consumer protection that is changing rapidly and that new items of legislation and guidance are currently being published on a regular basis. They will need to ensure that they monitor the websites relating to product safety on a regular basis to ensure they keep up to date with any new publications that become available during the period they are studying for the examination

The bibliographic references given below relate to the various topics detailed in the syllabus for the module on Product Safety.

### Introduction to product safety

The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 – Guidance for business, consumers & enforcement authorities. DTI, August 2005.

### Primary legislation

Guidance to the Consumer Protection Act 1987; Product liability & safety provisions – DTI, December 2001.  
The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 – Guidance for local authorities – published by DTI, April 2009, but dated January 2007.

The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 – Notification Guidelines for Producers & Distributors - BIS – September 2005.

Guidance on the interaction between the General Product Safety Regulations 2005 and national safety regulations – BIS, September 2009.

Consumer Product Safety in Europe – Corrective Action Guide – PROSAFE November 2011

### European influences on product safety

Guidance document on the relationship between the General Product Safety Directive and certain sector directive with provisions on product safety. DG SANCO November 2003.

Requirements for child resistant lighters and novelty lighters – Guidance for manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers – January 2008;

Lighters Direction 2014 – Direction of the Secretary of State under Regulation 35(2) of the General Product Safety Regulations 2005 – BIS, May 2012.

## Safety regulations

An understanding of the legislation that promotes product safety in the following groups of consumer products:

**(a) Chemicals –**

Guidelines on the interpretation of the concept ‘which can be placed in the mouth’ as laid down in entry 52 of Annex XVII to REACH Regulation 1907/2006 – EC, DG SANCO & DG Environment, Undated.

**(c) Electrical Products –**

Electrical Equipment (implementing the Low Voltage Directive) – Guidance Notes on the UK Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1994 – DTI, March 2007.  
Guide to the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Regulations 2006 – BERR, August 2008.  
Electrical Equipment – Requirements for Plugs & Sockets etc. – Guidance notes on the UK Plugs & Sockets etc. (Safety) Regulations 1994. DTI, February 2007.

**(d) Fireworks -**

Guidance Note for businesses and enforcement authorities – The Fireworks (Safety) Regulations 2004 (as amended by SI 2004 No 3262)– BIS April 2005.  
Explanatory Memorandum to the Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2010 – [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) ;  
Guidance on the Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2010 – BIS, August 2010;  
CE marking makes Europe yours! DG Enterprise & Industry 2011.

**(e) Fire Safety –**

Nightwear and Fire - A Guide to the Nightwear (Safety) Regulations BIS, February 1997;  
New Requirements for the Fire Safety of Children’s Nightwear – Nightwear Advisory Note – BIS, October 2008;  
A Guide to the Furniture & Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations – BIS, February 2001.

**(f) Machinery & Similar Equipment**

Machinery – Guidance Notes on the UK Regulations. BIS, September 2009.

**(g) Products for Children -**

Choking risks to children under four from toys and other objects - DTI, November 1999;  
Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC – Technical Documentation, version 1.7 – 13/12/2013 DG Enterprise & Industry, EC.

**(h) The Built Environment –**

Guidance Notes on the Construction Product Regulation. Construction Products Association, Version 1 – April 2012.

**(i) Transport Safety –**

Recreational Craft – Guidance Notes on the UK Regulations – DTI, August 2005.

**(j) Other consumer legislation –**

Aerosol Dispensers - Guidance to the Aerosol Dispensers Regulations 2009 – BIS – February 2010;  
Aerosols Dispensers Regulations 2009 – Quick Start Guide – February 2010.  
Aerosol Dispensers – Advisory Note – Commission Guidance to producers of single substance aerosols on the application of the labelling requirements under ADD & the CLP Regulation – BIS April 2011.

## Safety organisations, standards & testing

### Official bodies

An understanding of the role and work of the following organisations: Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO);  
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB);  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS);  
European Chemical Agency ECHA;  
EuroSafe;  
Health & Safety Executive (HSE);  
Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA);  
Ofcom;  
Product Safety Enforcement Forum of Europe (PROSAFE);  
Product Safety Focus Group;  
Trading Standards Institute, including its operation of the 'Home Authority' & 'Lead Authority' principles.

### Consumer interest groups

An understanding of the role and work of the following consumer agencies:

British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) programme – 'Watchdog';  
Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT);  
European Consumers' Association (BUEC);  
Electrical Safety First  
Gas Safe;  
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA);  
Which? (previously Consumers' Association).

### Standards & testing bodies

An understanding of the role and work of the following standard making organisations:

British Standards Institution Group (BSI Group) – BSI British Standards; BSI Product Services;  
European Association for the Coordination of Consumer representation in Standardisation (ANEC);  
European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing & Analytical Laboratories  
European Committee for Standardisation (CEN);  
European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC);  
European Organisation for Conformity Assessment (EOTC);  
European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI);  
International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO);  
United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS).

### Technical standards

#### A working knowledge of the following standards/technical reports:

BS 7907 – Code of Practice for the design & manufacture of children's clothing to promote mechanical safety;  
BS EN 71 – Safety of Toys – Parts 1-3;  
BS EN 716 -1 – Furniture - Children's cots & folding cots for domestic use - Safety requirements;  
BS EN 1130 – 1 – Furniture - Cribs & cradles for domestic use - Safety requirements;  
BS EN 1272 - Table mounted chairs - Safety requirements & test methods;  
BS EN 1273 – Baby walking frames - Safety requirements & test methods;  
BS EN 1400-1 – Soothers for babies & young children - General safety requirements & product information;  
BS EN 1466 – Carry cots & stands - Safety requirements & test methods;  
BS EN 1888 - Child care articles. Wheeled child conveyances. Safety requirements and test methods;  
BS EN 1930 – Safety barriers - Safety requirements and test methods;  
BS EN 12586 – Soother holders - Safety requirements & test methods  
BS EN 12790 - Reclined cradles;

BS EN 13209:1 – Baby carriers - Safety requirements and test methods - Framed back carriers;  
BS EN 13209:2 – Baby carriers – Safety requirements and test methods – Soft carriers;  
BS EN 14988 -1 - Children's highchairs for domestic & commercial use – Safety requirements.  
BS EN 14682 – Safety of children’s clothing - Cords & drawstrings on children’s clothing;  
BS EN 62115 – Electrical toys;

**A basic knowledge of the following standards:**

BS EN 14766 – Mountain Bicycles – Safety requirements & test methods;

**The Practical Enforcement of Product Safety –**

A familiarity with, amongst others, the following sources of information:

BSI News;

Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS);

European Commission’s RAPEX information system;

HSE Newsletters;

Industry publications – particularly those from trade associations and test laboratories;

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA);

Trading Standards Institute;

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