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Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services

Supply chain risk management solutions for softlines:

Managing the quality & safety of textiles



THE CHALLENGE

As a supplier or distributor of softlines, you need to be confident that the products you deliver to the market meet consumers' expectations along with the required safety, regulatory and industry standards. Non-compliant or poor quality products can generate costly product returns and damage your brand.

A COMPLETE SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

With a presence in every major sourcing and selling territory around the world, our Supply Chain Risk Management solutions help companies making, distributing or selling softlines products improve their:

- Product quality, safety and compliance
- Sourcing flexibility
- Speed-to-market
- Profitability
- Brand security throughout the supply chain

Bureau Veritas have also a world class softlines testing laboratory in Warrington, Cheshire, which offers a **full range of quality assurance, consultancy and compliance testing services.**

Testing capabilities:

- **Chemical testing** for formaldehyde, EN-71, Azo dyes, pH Value, phthalates, nickel release and allergy causing / carcinogenic dyes.
- **Physical testing** including force to seam rupture, tear properties, bursting strength, pilling / surface fuzzing, abrasion, elasticity and slippage.
- **Colour fastness tests** to chlorinated water, to domestic and commercial laundering, to dry cleaning, to perspiration, to rubbing, to sea water, to water, phenolic yellowing and print durability.
- **Flammability testing** for general wearing apparel, children's sleepwear and home furnishings (rugs, carpets, blankets, mattress pads).



Softlines technical consultancy

If you need guidance with your quality assurance issues, our technical experts can help you determine which standards you need to meet to access the markets of your choice, assist you in interpreting testing reports and provide product design evaluations at development and pre-production stages.

Defect Analysis

Our expert can analyse the causes of customers' complaints or manufacturing defects.

Training

Bureau Veritas provide a wide range of training sessions on textile safety and quality testing. We can also deliver bespoke and more specific courses adapted to your company's needs. Sessions can be arranged at our laboratory in Cheshire (UK) or directly at your premises. Contact us for more information.

Related services

As part of our supply chain solutions for softlines, we also offer a full set of risk management services including:

- Ecodesign consultancy and Life Cycle Assessments
- Sourcing consultancy: material selection advice, factory capacity, process control plans
- Pre-production services: pre-production tests, factory assessments, ethical audit
- Production inspections, mill improvement programmes
- Loading, packaging inspections
- Retail inspections, returns analysis

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

■ **LACE and TEPS schemes accreditations:** Bureau Veritas CPS labs worldwide are accredited for the LACE and TEPS schemes. Many leading UK retailers support the LACE scheme for the performance assessment of their textile products.

■ **Global capability:** with over 40,000 staff (over 7,500 dedicated towards consumer products) in more than 140 countries, we have the resources to support your business.

■ **Technical Knowledge:** our consultants participate in the development of industry and regulatory standards worldwide, keeping you and us at the forefront of changes in regulations and testing methods.



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