

Your One-Stop Solution Partner for Product Entry into Gulf Markets

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G-Mark Certification for Toys and Low Voltage Electrical Products



GCC Conformity Marking(G-Mark) signifies the conformity of products at least to the essential requirements of health, safety and environment of the Gulf Market. Affixing of G-Mark is compulsory for products categories set out in GCC Technical Regulations. Priority has been given to regulations on Toys and Low Voltage Electrical Products such as household appliances.

In recent decades markets in the Gulf have experienced significant economic growth. Retail sales in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region are forecast to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 7.3% to reach US\$285 billion in 2018. In order to meet growing consumer demand in the region, an increasing number of brands, retailers and manufacturers are exporting a wide range of products into the region.

In order to ensure product compliance with pre-defined requirements on health, safety and environmental standards, a G-Mark system has been established by the Standardization Organization of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GSO) for all products entering Gulf markets. This initiative is part of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) plan to achieve more coordination and integration between member states and to unify their regulations to facilitate business growth.

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In which Gulf countries are the G-Mark applicable?



- United Arab Emirates
- State of Kuwait
- Sultanate of Oman
- Republic of Yemen
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Kingdom of Bahrain
- State of Qatar

Intertek's One-stop Solution for Gulf Markets

As the leading global quality solutions provider in toys and consumer electronics, Intertek Hong Kong is a GCC Notified Body authorized to issue G-Mark certifications for both toys and low-voltage electrical products exported to the Gulf region. From testing and certification, Conformity Assessment Procedure, and technical file preparation to labelling, we offer a one-stop service for products falling under the G-Mark regulations, greatly facilitating your product entry into Gulf markets. Intertek is your leading partner of choice for a Gulf Markets solution.

Gulf Market Regulations



Regulation on Toys (BD-131704-01)

The new GCC Technical Regulation (BD-131704-01) on children's toys came into effect on January 1, 2014. Under this regulation, toy manufacturers must ensure that all toys sold in all GCC member countries are affixed with the G-Mark. Every consignment of toys from unlinked importers must also be certified by a Notified Body and have the G-mark applied before being landed in Gulf markets. Linked importers or distributors shall ensure or verify product registration and proper product identification under the G-Mark system. Moreover, all parties shall provide the relevant Gulf authorities with all information and necessary documents.



Regulation on Low Voltage Electrical Products (BD-142004-01)

As regards the general safety and EMC safety of the products, all low-voltage devices are regulated by the GCC Technical Regulation (BD-142004-01), which mainly focuses on household appliances with a voltage rating of 50-1000V AC or 75-1500V DC, such as:

- Refrigerators
- Microwave ovens
- Electric fans
- Clothes washers/dryers
- Food mixer/juice extractors
- Air conditioners

The regulation came into effect under a pilot scheme as from June 1, 2015, with full implementation as from July 1, 2016. To comply with the regulation, all related products entering the GCC marketplace after July 1, 2016 must bear the G-Mark.



Obligations of Manufacturers/Importers

- Carry out Conformity Assessment Procedure
- Ensure /certify compliance of products
- Draw up technical file
- Fulfill Conformity Assessment Programme
- Affix G-mark to signify compliance of products
- Ensure all warnings labeled in Arabic

G-Mark Application Service Package

Intertek Solutions

Testing

- Conduct safety assessment
- Preparation of test plan
- Sampling by consignment
- Product testing and issuing GCC recognized reports
- GC type examination
- Product certification

Documentation

- Consolidation and reviewing of technical file
- Reviewing of Declaration of Conformity
- Issuing of Certificate of Conformity for customs clearance

Labeling

- Registration of G-Mark
- English to Arabic translation services

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