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# Consumable Safety, our Common Responsibility

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Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Good morning !

Today, I am glad to be here presenting  
AFIRM Restricted Substance List (RSL)  
Seminar in Shanghai.



- A. Protecting consumer's health and safety is the important duty of Inspection and Quarantine Bureau.
- B. Keeping consumers healthy and safe is our common responsibility.
- C. High emphasis on **The Special Rules of the State Council on Strengthening the Supervision and Management of the Safety of Food and Other Products.**



A. Protecting consumer's health and safety is the important duty of Inspection and Quarantine Bureau.



## A. Find a perfect standard system of apparel and footwear products

- China leads from the perspective of chemical safety in terms of chemical safety of apparel and footwear products in the process of manufacturing and distribution; and released 3 product standards and nearly 33 ancillary inspection method standards successively.



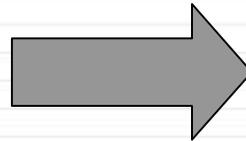
- ❑ **Technical Specification for Ecological Textiles - GB/T18885-2002**
- ❑ **National General Safety Technical Code for Textile Products- GB18401-2003**
- ❑ **Inspection Standard of Harmful Substances in Leather Products- GB20400-2006**
- ❑ To sum up, in view of released and implemented series inspection method standards of ecological textiles and footwear products, and some standards under development, we know the standardization of ecological textiles inspection technology. China is at the forefront of the world and has basically covered ecological safety requirements in international trade of apparel and footwear.



## □ The gratifying changes for China in research and formulating a series of ecological textiles testing standards.

### Previously

Mainly was used to follow international or foreign advance standards and partly research and development by itself.



### Presently

Work actively and forwardly to follow up the development of world ecological textiles, based on advanced consciousness and forward work, entreat the higher and higher “Green Limit” in textile and clothing international trade.



## B. Strengthen quality spot test, promote quality safety of apparel and footwear products

- Inspection of supervisory management of im/export consumables is an important way of Chinese im/export commodity quality supervisory management and a legal authority of entry/exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau.
- Mostly, the quality of im/export apparel and footwear products is good. However, we find many problems in daily inspection and some of them are related to safety and sanitation.



## Main reason of unqualified products:

- ❑ First, unqualified raw and processed materials.
- ❑ Second, there are many quality control bugs in new export enterprises.
- ❑ Third, employees in manufacturing enterprises have more mobility and this is one important factor in unstable product quality.



- In unqualified item via special inspection, formaldehyde, PH value, colour fastness and azo dye azoic colour superscale etc will harm consumer's health, safety and environment directly. By supervising spot tests and, according to Article 19 of Regulations for the Implementation of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Import and Export Commodity Inspection, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine office, advise and report "Quality Inspection Information" and special topic news in related newspapers and periodicals, make caution to the consumers. We have to say, inspect and supervise spot test to im/export products, prove Inspection and Quarantine Bureau strengthens supervisory management, provide community service to society and consumers, take on the responsibility to ensure im/export consumable safety.



## C. Participate in international consumable safety cooperation actively, share quality safe information

- ❑ On Sep. 11, 2007, Chinese and American inspection departments finished a two-day consumable safety summit conference and issued a joint statement. The two parties promised to strengthen bilateral cooperation and insure product safety of products which China exports to America.
- ❑ China and Europe Union established RAPEX system to promote consumable safety together.
- ❑ Chinese Government is glad to cooperate with AFIRM , enhance communication, and share the quality safety information.



B. Consumer health and safety is our common responsibility.



- ❑ Made-in-China is also Made-in-the-World. In world markets, Made-in-China often meant good quality and competitive price. Chinese products were the result of international cooperation and division of labor.
- ❑ To deny Made-in-China, is to deny the design, standard and quality of most enterprises around the world.



- We suggest all government departments should rise to the responsibility of consumer safety together by strengthening each part in consumable health and safety, including the education and training to designer, manufacturer, importer and consumer.
- General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine always pays more attention to the education and training of manufacturers and each Inspection and Quarantine branch will make various ways to help and advise Chinese enterprises to make products safe for consumers.



- ❑ Consumable safety involves each part from designers, manufacturers, importers, sellers, inspection and attestation, all Government Departments should strengthen their own education and training, and take on the responsibility of consumable safety together.
- ❑ Additionally, it is necessary to strengthen consumer education on correct use of consumer goods, because incorrect usage of consumer goods will cause unnecessary damage.



## **C. High emphasis on **The Special Rules of the State Council on Strengthening the Supervision and Management of the Safety of Food and Other Products.****

**The Special Rules of the State Council on Strengthening the Supervision and Management of the Safety of Food and Other Products** were adopted at the 186th executive meeting of the State Council on July 25, 2007, are hereby issued, and shall be effective as of the date of issuance.



The Special Rules regulate:

- ❑ Manufacturers should make and sell products legally;
- ❑ Additive usage must accord with national mandatory standards;
- ❑ Retailers must develop and perform the system of stock inspection, check and accept;
- ❑ Ensure product safety responsibility in product market;
- ❑ Enterprise must initiatively recall the products with hidden safety trouble;
- ❑ And ensure that 7 unlawful practices will be punished, and strict legal responsibility has been assigned to illegal manufacturers.



The Special Rules have four rules in strengthening supervisory management of Im/Exportation:

- For importation: **A.** make sure of the safety requirement of import products; **B.** find a systematic management model for import products; **C.** establish a reject record for the import product operator; **D.** Strictly enforce the legal duty of import product fraud.
- For exportation: **A.** stress export product responsibility for safety of their product; **B.** emphasize the responsibility of export product inspector; **C.** establish good and reject record for export product operator; **D.** increase punishment to the falsifier in exportation.



- Inspection and Quarantine Bureaus are charged with the sacred mission of protecting human health and safety, vindicating the benefit of China and Chinese people. This mission is always be emphasized by Chinese Government. Therefore, we will further strengthen the supervisory management function in inspection, and fully perform their duties and bear due responsibility.
- Let's work together in the meantime of promoting trade development, shouldering the important task of protecting consumers' health and safety.