



Safety Control System on Consumer Products in Korea

Regime Overview

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I . Regime Overview

Legal Objective

- To protect consumer against danger of life or Injury to persons, and loss of property occurred from the Poor or illegal quality products

Law

- Quality Management & Industrial Products Safety Control Act (1973)

Amendment 2000

- Inspection system → **type approval system**

- mandatory, voluntary

- Quality labeling : recommended

Amendment 2004 (effective as of October 2006)

- Introducing child-resistant packaging system

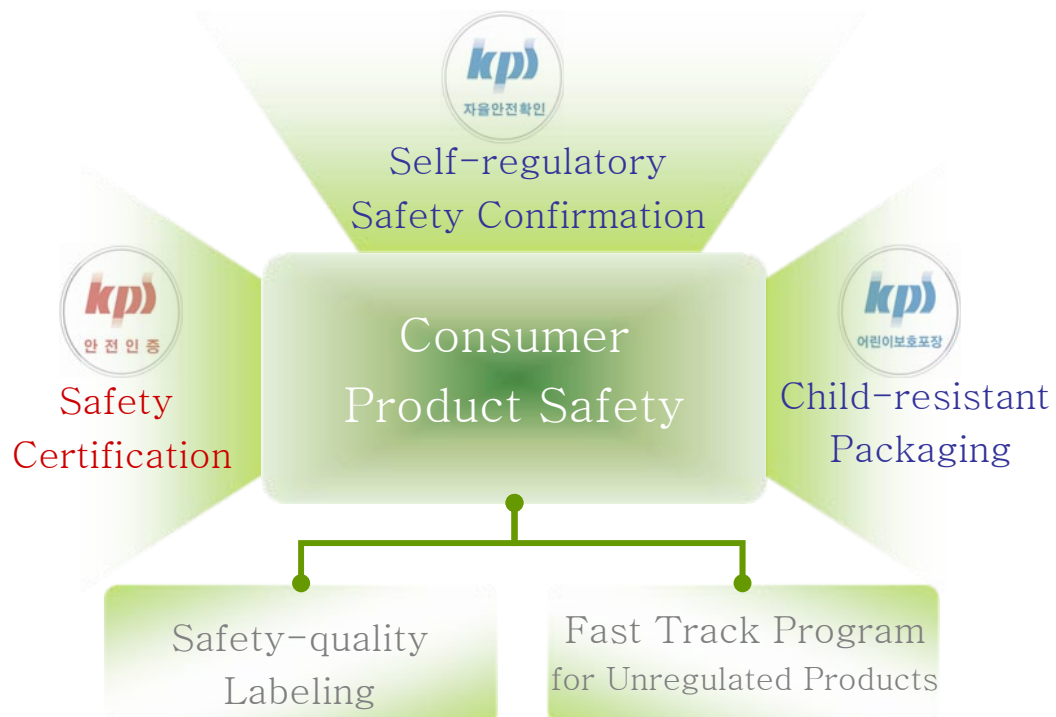
□ Amendment 2005 (effective as of March 24th 2007)

■ Concept

- enlarging number of regulated products
- strengthening supplier' voluntary involvement
- withdrawn system for unregulated and unsafe products

■ Highlights

- **Introducing SDoC**
- Type approval → **Product certification**
- Labeling : recommended → **regulated**
- Child-resistant program
- **Fast-track system** for unregulated and unsafe products



II. Main Contents

□ Safety Certification

■ Conformity assessment & labeling requirements

- The applicants (manufacturer) shall get safety product certification for each model by safety certification bodies and
- affix safety mark on the products or their packages before sales in market

■ Regulated products

Category	Products (18 Items)
Textiles	False eyelashes
Chemicals	Retreaded tyres
Metals (2)	Domestic pressure pans and pressure pots, Metal blades for portable brush cutters
Household & Leisure Articles (14)	Gas lighters, Motor Board, Aquatic articles, Moist tissues, Baby walking frames, BB Guns, Protective helmets for vehicles, Playground equipments, Protective helmets for sports users, Baby carriages, children's cots, In-line roller skates, Child restraint systems, Kick board.

■ Safety mark



■ Safety Certification bodies

Body	Contact	Homepage
KEMTI	02-2102-2500	http://www.komtri.com
KTR	02-2164-0051	http://www.ktr.or.kr
MPI	031-785-1200	http://www.mpi.or.kr
KATRI	02-3668-3000	http://www.katri.re.kr

□ Self-regulatory safety confirmation

■ Conformity assessment & labeling requirements

- The applicants (manufacturer or importer) shall submit testing report for each model to safety certification bodies and
- affix safety mark on the products or their packages before sales in market

■ Safety mark



Regulated products

Category	Products (47 Items)
Textiles (4)	mountaineering ropes, life-jackets for sports and leisure, carpets, Textile products (underwear, baby's clothing, bedclothes),
Chemicals (10)	Batteries, Engine antifreeze coolants, Household products containing harmful substances, Ceramic table wares, flexible polyvinyl chloride tube, motor vehicle brake fluids, Safety glasses for road vehicles, Windshield washer fluids for automobiles, Automobile tires, Care articles for children under 48 months
Machinery (2)	Hand-operated mechanical ice grinders, Portable jacks for automobiles
Building (2)	Water tanks, Friction-resistant tiles for bathroom floor
Household & Leisure Articles (29)	4-Wheeled walking aids for the elder, Walking aids for the elder, Sticks for the elder, Digital door lock, Roller skates, Protector for roller sports users, Roller shoes, High-visibility safety jackets, Wallpapers and floor coverings, Thermo vessels, Shopping trolleys, Swimming goggles, Snow board, Skate board, Snow-skis and other snow-ski equipment, Children's two-stage beds, Children's metal jewelry, Toys, Children's tricycles, Children's high-chair, Children's carrier, Bicycles, Disposable diapers, Warning reflex reflectors for automobiles, Mattresses of beds, School things, Stationary training equipment, Portable laser devices, Portable ladders

□ Child-resistant packaging

■ Conformity assessment & labeling requirements

- The applicants (manufacturer or importer) shall submit testing report for each model to safety certification bodies and
- affix safety mark on the products or their packages before sales in market

■ Regulated products

- room perfumery, cleaner (detergent), adhesive, polisher, glue remover, anti-freeze agent, windshield washer fluids

■ Safety Mark



□ Safety-quality labeling

■ labeling requirements

- The manufacturers (or importers) shall affix safety label on the products or their packages before sales in market

■ Regulated products

Category	Products (14 Items)
Textiles (1)	Textile products
Chemicals (5)	Leather products, Polyethylene film for agricultural use, Dehumidification agent, Soaps, Toilet papers
Household & Leisure Articles (9)	Furnitures, Household tool kits, Handy laundry drying racks, Cotton tips, Glasses panels for eye protection, Sunglasses, Glasses frames, Tents

□ Fast-track system

■ Voluntary recall for unregulated and unsafe products

- This system is applied to newly emerging unsafe products such as child-care articles containing harmful chemicals, EDCs, and so on
- The monitoring of market will be done by the groups composed of mainly consumer and safety experts