

Press release

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Cotecna participates in Toy Safety workshop in Milan

A legal decree approved by the Italian Cabinet (Council of Ministers) on March 10, 2011, has upgraded the 2009/48/CE decree of June 18 2009 relative to toy safety, to guarantee a greater level of protection for children when they play with toys.

A workshop, primarily for manufacturers and importers, is to be organised in Milan on May 11. The main objective of this workshop - "New Italian Toy Safety Decree: What it changes for the producers and importers" - is to explain the differences and illustrate how this new decree contributes to improve the standards relative to toy safety. The workshop will also strive to explain the improved efficiency and simplification for economic operators and market authorities.

Giuseppe Sonzogni, Managing Director of Cotecna Inspection Italy, will make a presentation on: "Safety in the Toy market: the advantage of third party inspections".

For more information about the workshop: www.imq.it

In January 2011, Cotecna Inspection, opened a new laboratory in Hong Kong specialized in the testing of toys manufactured in China. The laboratory is fully certified and testing is carried out under the European Standard EN 71 that specifies safety requirements for toys. The lab is ISO 17025 accredited and received UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) accreditation on December 9, 2010. These accreditations demonstrate the competence, impartiality and performance capability of Cotecna Hong Kong to consumers, suppliers and purchasers in the testing services carried out in the Hong Kong laboratory.

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