

EU Product Safety Regulation (2023) Compliance Checklist

For Textile & Plastics Converting Businesses - Effective from December 13, 2024

General Product Safety Obligations

- Ensure product is safe under normal and foreseeable use
- Assess risks related to chemical, mechanical, flammability, and cyber (if applicable) hazards
- Apply the precautionary principle in design and sourcing
- Ensure materials and processes comply with REACH and other applicable EU regulations
- Implement corrective actions when safety issues arise

Manufacturer Obligations

- Perform a documented risk assessment (e.g., azo dyes in textiles, BPA in plastics)
- Maintain and store technical documentation
- Affix required labels (manufacturer info, batch ID, warnings)
- Provide digital product info (e.g., QR codes for SDS/manuals)
- Implement internal traceability and recall plan
- Report serious safety issues via the Safety Business Gateway

Importer Obligations

- Verify third-country products comply with EU safety standards
- Ensure labeling and CE marking (if applicable) are present
- Add importer contact details to packaging
- Maintain supply chain traceability records
- Cooperate in recalls and safety incident responses

Distributor Obligations

- Verify products have correct markings and safety info
- Monitor safety alerts and recalls
- Store and provide documentation when requested
- Participate in product recalls if necessary

Retailers & Online Marketplaces

- Ensure EU responsible person is listed for non-EU products
- Verify listings include traceable manufacturer/seller info
- Remove unsafe products when notified
- Set up consumer reporting channels
- Support recall notices and refunds

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Service Providers / Customizers

- Evaluate if modifications affect product safety
- Follow manufacturer obligations if safety is impacted
- Maintain records of modified products/services

Recall & Post-Market Surveillance

- Establish recall procedures (contact, refund, disposal)
- Monitor and respond to consumer complaints
- Report serious risks via Safety Business Gateway
- Cooperate with market surveillance authorities

Documentation & Retention

- Store compliance records for at least 10 years
- Keep supplier/buyer traceability info
- Maintain risk assessments, tests, and recall documentation