



# TRUSTED FOR REAL LIFE

## SAFETY, QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS FOR THE HOME FURNISHINGS AND HOUSEWARES INDUSTRY

### **BUILDING CONSUMER TRUST**

Home furnishings and housewares directly impact everyone's day-to-day life. From the cheapest candle to bespoke fitted furniture, consumers expect products to perform well, be safe and withstand the wear and tear of everyday use. With SGS as your testing and verification partner, deliver products that comply with relevant regulatory standards and are trusted for real life.

### **FOCUS ON CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS**

Manufacturers, retailers and buyers

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are under growing pressure from increasing local, national and international regulations. Product and component inspection, testing, certification and verification all draw you away from what you do best – designing, manufacturing and selling products. With experts and testing facilities in every region, we deliver efficient and effective solutions, taking from you the burden of managing complex regulatory standards.

We help you avoid unexpected costs and protect your brand through the early detection of ineffective product

design, identification of hazardous or restricted materials and evaluation of product performance.

### **DELIVERING SOLUTIONS FOR REAL LIFE**

Clients rely on us to get products to market as quickly as possible without compromising quality, safety and performance. To achieve this we offer

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a wide range of inspection, testing, certification, audit, sustainability and training services. Our experts are world-leaders in their field and they will be able to advise you on a customised program that supports your business objectives.

#### Performance testing:

- Resistance to degradation/corrosion
- Conditioning and weathering
- Strength and stability
- Electrical safety
- Durability
- Flammability
- Transit and packaging

#### Chemical/restricted substances testing:

- EU REACH, California Proposition 65, etc.
- Leachable heavy metals (such as lead and cadmium)
- Materials in contact with food
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Compositional analysis
- Emissions
- Lead content
- Phthalates

#### Audit & Certification services:

- CARB Certification
- GS Mark Certification
- Social responsibility audits
- Compliance to forest management standards (FSC, PEFC) and Chain of Custody standards

#### Added value services:

- Labelling review
- Safety/risk assessment: manufacturers are responsible for ensuring products they place on the market are safe and must take a due diligence approach to product safety. Where no standards exist for products we can recommend appropriate tests to ensure you meet your obligations to supply only safe products.

### EVERYDAY PRODUCTS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Expert in testing, our home furnishing and houseware laboratories are world leaders in the field. We offer a one-stop solution for the widest range of products using internationally recognised standards such

as ASTM, ANSI, EN, BS, ISO, JIS. You can rely on our services for hundreds of product categories, including:

- Furniture
- Candles and candle accessories
- Food storage and beverage containers
- Flatware and servingware, Cookware, Ceramic tableware
- Vases
- Pet products

#### Furniture

As a member of BIFMA (the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association), we provide testing services for indoor and outdoor furniture. Our state-of-the-art facilities perform testing in accordance with internationally recognised standards covering strength, durability, restricted substances, fabric and flammability.

#### Candles and Candle Accessories

The candle is one of the most dangerous domestic products on the market. As a result safety requirements in the US and EU are constantly being updated. We have designed a wide array of testing parameters, such as testing for paraffin wax and palm oil content, lead content in candle wick, melting point and flash point, burning characteristics as well as reviewing the cautionary labelling. In addition, we can also test candle rings, candle holders and containers and decorative oil lamps.

#### Tableware and Cookware

Products intended to come into contact with foodstuffs are subject to scrutiny concerning the migration of chemicals that may leach from the product onto foods. Our experts help you identify the regulations that apply to your products and then ensure compliance with safety standards. They can also review labelling and instructions for use as well as performance quality.

#### Pet Products

We have expertise in textiles, food, toys, cosmetics, furniture and bags to assist the pet supply industry.

Employ our experience and expertise in the fields of home furnishings and housewares and give your organization a competitive edge.

### THINKING SUSTAINABLY

Consumer interest in environmental, social and health debates such as global warming, human rights and the risks posed by chemical substances have highlighted the need for manufacturers and retailers to deliver eco-friendly products. Addressing impacts across a product's life cycle can lower your costs by making energy savings and optimizing both material consumption and your packaging and logistics.

Our global network of sustainability experts can support your company to deliver its strategy by offering a range of services covering the environmental, safety and social aspects of sustainability:

- Ecodesign services
- Restricted substances management
- Life cycle & carbon footprint analysis

### TRUSTED FOR REAL LIFE - WITH SGS

SGS is a trusted, independent third party service provider. We provide a single consolidated source for tailored services, consulting solutions and technical assistance to reduce risks, improve efficiency and quality.

We can fulfil all your testing, certification, technical assistance, audit, inspection and verification needs. Our extensive resources and expert knowledge of the industry allow us to provide reliable performance services to suppliers, manufacturers and retailers, large and small.

### A GLOBAL REACH WITH A LOCAL TOUCH

With a presence in nearly every single region around the globe, our experts speak the local language and understand the culture of the local market. We have a harmonised approach leveraging the largest independent network of consumer product experts in the world.

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