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I N F O R M A T I O N

**FOR APPLICANTS FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT
OF SPECIFIED PRODUCTS
TEXTILE TOYS**

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I. INTRODUCTION

The testing division of Research Institute for Man-Made Fibres, JSC (VÚCHV, a.s.), authorised body SKTC-118 (AB SKTC-118)/notified body 1634 (NB 1634), organisationally consists of an accredited product certifying body and accredited testing laboratories (physical, analytical and textile).

This information is intended for manufacturers, importers and distributors of textile toys who apply for EC type tests, or for conformity assessment and issuance of an EC type examination certificate according to Directive 2009/48 / EC on the safety of toys and pursuant to Act No. 78 / 2012 Coll. on the safety of toys, and on the amendment of Act no. 128/2002 Coll. on state control of the internal market in matters of consumer protection and on the amendment of certain laws as amended.

II. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

1. Pursuant to Directive 2009/48 / EC, Article 19(2), or according to Act No. 78 / 2012 Coll., Article 13, Section 2, in case it is possible to apply harmonised standards for product testing (textile toy), the reference number of which has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union, and which comply with all safety requirements for the toy, i.e if the toy has been produced in accordance with the harmonised standards requirements, this product may be tested in the accredited testing laboratories of Research Institute for Man/Made Fibres, JSC.(VÚCHV, a.s.) and the Examination Report will be issued as the proof.

With textile toys, it is required to test their mechanical and physical properties according to standards STN EN 71-1+A1, their flammability characteristics STN EN 71-2, and the migration of certain metals according to standard STN EN 71-3+A1.

In such cases the applicant shall deliver either in person or by post:

- application (the form can be downloaded from the website www.vuchv.sk),
- product technical documentation:
 - o detailed description of the design and manufacture of the toy, including a list of components and materials used in the toy
 - o analysis of the risks that the toy may present - physical, mechanical, electrical and chemical risks, risks related to flammability, hygiene and radioactivity
 - o toy description
 - o colour image of the
 - o instructions for use of toys, age adequacy
 - o the required number of product samples for laboratory tests according to the instructions of the notified body.

The applicant is obliged to prepare technical documentation in the Slovak language.

The head of the Product Certification Body / deputy head of the Product Certification Body will review the application, its completeness, appropriateness of the accompanying documentation, and the number of samples required for testing.

In the case of incompleteness, COCV leader / deputy COCV will call on the applicant to submit the missing data or samples.

Upon approval of the documentation and provided samples, the accredited testing laboratories will perform all agreed tests and will issue the Examination Report.

2. Pursuant to Directive 2009/48 / EC, Article 19(3), or according to Act No. 78 / 2012 Coll., Article 13, Section 3, the manufacturer is obliged to ensure the performance of the EC type examination by the notified body and perform the conformity assessment procedure in case:

- there is no harmonised technical standard applicable to meet the requirements pursuant to Annex No. 2 to Act No. 78/2012 Coll.,
- harmonised technical standard has not been applied at all, or has been applied only partially (harmonised technical standard has been published with a restriction),
- the manufacturer assumes that the properties, design, construction or the purpose of the toy require verification by a notified body.

In such cases the applicant shall deliver to the notified body either in person or by post:

- application (the form can be downloaded from the website www.vuchv.sk),
- product technical documentation:
 - o detailed description of the design and manufacture of the toy, including a list of components and materials used in the toy
 - o analysis of the risks that the toy may present - physical, mechanical, electrical and chemical risks, risks related to flammability, hygiene and radioactivity
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The applicant is obliged to prepare technical documentation in the Slovak language.

The head of the Product Certification Body / deputy head of the Product Certification Body will review the application, its completeness, appropriateness of the accompanying documentation, and the number of samples required for testing.

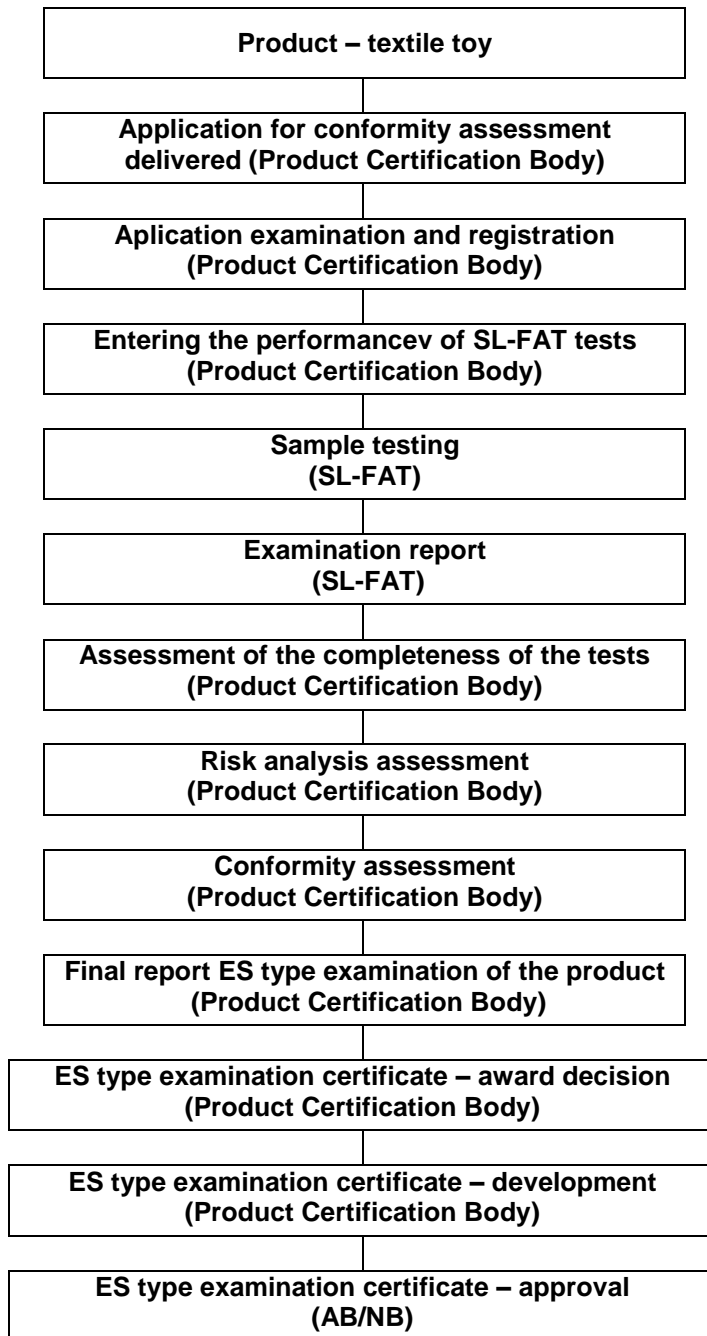
In the case of incompleteness, NB will call on the applicant to submit the missing data or samples.

Upon approval of the documentation and provided samples, will decide on the scope of testing.

Upon the completion of examination, will issue the final the final EC type examination report and the EC type examination certificate.

A diagram of the conformity assessment process is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 Diagram of the conformity assessment process

**Notice:**

The applicant shall consult the number of samples which represent the particular type of product with the authorised employees of Product Certification Body) VÚCHV, a.s., Svit. The offer includes consultation with the applicant on the specification of tests, the purpose of their use, the type of samples for particular tests, the scope of testing, time conditions of the product certification process, as well as the way of placing an order.

To reach constant improvement of the services offered, the Product Certification Body sends its customers a questionnaire about customer's satisfaction.