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BLUE GUIDE

The 'Blue Guide' 2016 version

The 'Blue Guide' is the standard document for everybody that is involved in product compliance for non-food consumer goods intended to be placed on the European Economic Area (EEA).

This Guide (the 'Blue Guide') to the implementation of directives based on the New Approach and the Global Approach was first published in 2000. Since then, it has become one of the main reference documents explaining how to implement the legislation based on the New Approach, now covered by the New Legislative Framework.

The Blue Guide is intended to contribute to a better understanding of EU product rules and to their more uniform and coherent application across different sectors and throughout the single market. It is addressed to the Member States and others who need to be informed of the provisions designed to ensure the free circulation of products as well as a high level of protection throughout the Union (e.g. trade and consumer associations, standardisation bodies, manufacturers, importers, distributors, conformity assessment bodies and trade unions).

This new version of the Guide includes new chapters, for example on the obligations of economic operators or accreditation, or completely revised chapters such as those on standardisation or market surveillance. The Guide has also been given a new title reflecting the fact that the New Legislative Framework is likely to be used, at least in part, by all types of Union harmonisation legislation and not only by the so-called 'New Approach' directives.

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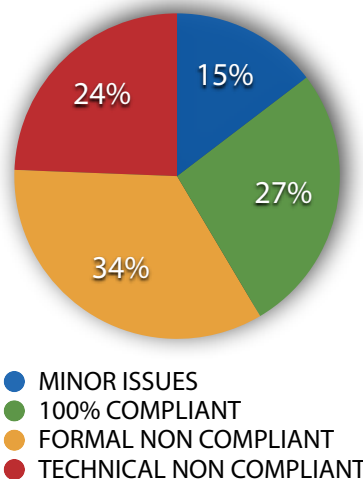
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USB CHARGERS

How paperwork can avoid a recall

Recently the Dutch Market Surveillance Authority (NVWA) examined the compliance of 41 plug-in usb chargers available in the market. They took the samples across various (famous) brands and price ranges and evaluated the compliance only against key aspects of the Low Voltage Directive with following result:



Both the technical and the formal non compliant products have become subject to mandatory measures such as sales stops and full scale recalls. In case of the formal non compliant products the market surveillance authorities concluded that these products posed a risk because of the missing of evidence of product compliance. The fact that there has not been any related event in the market was not relevant.

The conclusion is that 50% of the product recalls could have been avoided simply by creating a proper technical file. Most of the 100% compliant products had a technical file created using the ProductIP solution.

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