

Joint Follow-up Market Surveillance Action on GPSD Products JA2015

JA2015 CCA5 - Invitation for an 'Expression of Interest' in the testing of Soothers & Soother Holders

The Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (Chafea) has signed a grant agreement with PROSAFE (the Product Safety Forum of Europe) for a Joint Action which will include a programme of tests on Soothers & Soother Holders, i.e. to assess these products against the relevant standards.

In this Action thirteen Market Surveillance Authorities (from twelve Member States - BE, BG, CY, DE (x2), DK, GR, IS, LT, LV, MT, NL, RO) are participating. The project is co-funded by the European Union. Important stakeholders such as ANEC, CEN TC 252 and the European Nursery Product Confederation are also involved as observers.

We are enquiring whether your institution is interested in being considered to undertake the testing for this project. You must be able to undertake all the tests detailed within EN 1400:2013 + A1:2104 (for Soothers), EN 12586:2007 + A1:2011 (for Soother Holders) and EN 12868:2000 (Nitrosamines - or the new standard for Nitrosamines should it be published before testing begins in Spring of 2017). Also, some additional tests that may be specified at a later date.

The timing for this programme of tests is envisaged to begin on 01 April 2017, with the final test reports to be delivered by 30 June 2017. The total number of different models to be tested is not expected to exceed 250. Tests will be required on approximately 100 Soothers (subject to EN 1400:2013 + A1:2104 and EN 12868:2000 (or later standard)) and approximately 150 Soother Holders (subject to EN 12586:2007 + A1:2011).

If this study is of interest to your institution, we request that you submit an 'Expression of Interest' to the Activity Coordinator (r.morrison@prosafa.org) and copy in the Activity Leader (Sarah.Jacques@economie.fgov.be) and the PROSAFE Office (info@prosafa.org) by 16 November 2016. Within your expression of interest please provide details of your:

- Testing experience of Soothers & Soother Holders;
- Laboratory's relationships with manufacturers;
- Involvement with/details on your work within applicable standardization;
- Relevant accreditations;
- Ability to deliver the test reports in English.

If you are shortlisted, we will provide you with full tender documentation by 28 November 2016, for submission to PROSAFE (to include your full costings) by 22 December 2016.

We look forward to receiving your response to this request.

Yours faithfully,



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