

written examination

**Unit 4: Product Safety**

May 2022

**Guidance for this examination**

Please ensure that you indicate, clearly at the top of the answer booklet, the law viewpoint from

Section A  
Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.  
Each question carries ten marks.  
Total: 40 marks.

Section B  
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.  
Each question carries 30 marks.  
Total: 60 marks.

**7. Answer all parts:**

Following receipt of intelligence which indicates that the safety of second-hand vehicles is a problem in your area, you are tasked with carrying out some market surveillance of local traders. You are provided with a team and a financial resource to carry out this work.

- (a) What legislation could you use to undertake this work? What are the obligations of the trader?  
(6 marks)
- (b) What type of hazards would you be looking for?  
(6 marks)
- (c) Explain how you would conduct checks, and what your powers are to do this, what evidence you would seek to gather and what offences may be committed.  
(12 marks)
- (d) What powers do you have to address the hazards and mitigate consumer risk?  
(6 marks)  
(total: 30 marks)

8. The UK has now completed its exit from the European Union. Analyse the effects and risks of this on product safety, taking into account the duties of economic operators in the supply chain, and on the risk to consumers.  
(30 marks)

**9. Answer all parts:**

A local nursery product importer approaches you for advice. They want to make and market a multiple modes, designed for use by a child aged six months up to 36 months. The product is capable of reconfiguration, by the parent, to be a stroller-type product where they are in full or partial control of it, via a handle, at the age range up to 30 months (with increasing interaction and control by the child after this, via a steering mechanism and attachable pedals).

- (a) What would be the appropriate legislative framework(s) to apply to this product? Provide an explanation for your answer.  
(8 marks)
- (b) What hazards could the product present at each stage? How could these be identified and quantified?  
(10 marks)
- (c) What advice would you give to the importer to ensure that they only place a safe product on the UK market? What type of testing and other risk management controls would you expect them to do?  
(12 marks)  
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(total 30 marks)

**Section B continues over the page.**

**10. Answer all parts:**

Your authority has a primary authority partnership with a large manufacturer of kitchen electrical appliances, and you receive notification from them that they have received three complaints that one of their microwave ovens has caught fire.

- (a) What further information would you seek from them at this stage? What would be your next action? (8 marks)
- (b) What are their statutory obligations in this scenario? (6 marks)

Subsequently, a risk assessment, agreed between the primary authority and business, determined that the product presents a high risk. More than 100,000 products have been supplied over the course of the previous twelve months, and two further fire reports have been made.