

PRODUCT COMPLIANCE REPORT

### **Overview**

| Product Name   | Acetate Sunglasses |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Company Name   | None               |
| Country/Market | EU                 |
| Date           | 2021-10-13         |

## **Product Information**

Selected Category: Eyewear

- Is this product designed for children?: No
- Is product packaging included?: Yes

Is the packaging material made of wood or include wooden pallets?: No

Are you selling cross-border (B2C) to consumers in the EU?: No

#### lcons

- Documentation/Certification
- Product & Packaging Labeling
- Product Lab Testing
- Learn More (Sources)



### **Important Information**

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a. Country/Market: Generates compliance requirements are broadly relevant to product belonging to your selected product category. Note that this is a general summary and there are exceptions.

b. Product Category: Generates compliance requirements are broadly relevant to products belonging to your selected product category. Note that this is a general summary and there are exceptions.

c. Specifications: Specify materials, age group, and other options that may impact which compliance requirements apply to a certain product. These input options differ depending on the selected product category. Keep in mind that we never guarantee that we cover every single input option that may be relevant to all products that fall within the scope of each product category.

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3. We recommend that you consult a lab testing company to get the latest information about mandatory standards/regulations in your market, country, or state. Lab testing companies generally stay up to date on new and updated standards and regulations.

Learn more:

- Monthly Compliance Update (PDF) Sample
- Monthly Review Methodology (PDF)

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**Sources:** We link to official website sources in this report under **Learn more**, where you must go to find additional information about each topic.

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# **Product Category**

These compliance requirements are broadly relevant to products belonging to your selected product category. Note that this is a general summary and there are exceptions.

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulation**

#### **Product Category: Eyewear**

Sunglasses and other protective eyewear are covered by the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulation in the European Union. Ensuring compliance requires that the components and materials, such as lenses, are compliant with the relevant safety standards.

## 📙 Learn More

Personal protective equipment (PPE) (Link)

## CE Marking



Products covered by this directive must also be CE marked. Notice that CE marking also covers documentation requirements.

## 📙 Learn More

- 1. CE marking (Link)
- 2. When is CE marking mandatory? (Link)

## Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

The Declaration of Conformity is a document issued by either the importer or the manufacturer, which may include the following information:



- Produce identification/SKU
- Product features
- Name and address of the manufacturer/importer
- List of EN standards and directives
- Location
- Responsible individual

## 📙 Learn More

Technical documentation and EU declaration of conformity (Link)

## 🗎 Technical File

In addition, you must also create a technical file, which shall include all relevant design, material, labels, packaging, and other files. These documents may be included:

- Bill of materials
- Design drawings
- Label files
- Packaging files
- List of applied standards and directives (e.g. RoHS)
- Test reports
- QC reports
- Risk assessment

## 皆 Learn More

Technical documentation and EU declaration of conformity (Link)

## 탈 User Manual

You must include a user manual covering installation, usage, safety instructions, recharge/refill, parts overview, and disposal.

## 📙 Learn More

Technical documentation and EU declaration of conformity (Link)

## 占 Lab Testing

Lab testing is required to verify that your product is compliant with all requirements in the applicable directives and standards.

## **Notified Body**

Certain classes of PPE products must also be reviewed by a Notified Body before you can import or sell the product.

## 📙 Learn More

Notified bodies (Link)





# **Specifications**

This part of the report is a general summary of product compliance requirements generated based on your selected inputs on the specifications page.

## Directive 94/62/EC: Packaging & Packaging Waste

#### Is product packaging included? Yes

Importers and manufacturers must ensure that the packaging materials are compliant. Below follows a brief summary of packaging materials and waste requirements in the European Union.

#### **Heavy Metals Restrictions**

Directive 94/62/EC limits heavy metals, including lead, mercury, and cadmium in packaging materials, printing inks, and dyes.

## 占 Lab Testing

Third-party lab testing is required to verify compliance with the applicable standards/requirements.

#### **Packaging Design**

Packaging design and material should enable and simplify the collection, reuse, and material recycling.

Learn More: Packaging and Packaging Waste (Link)

#### IMPORTANT

**Scope:** This report only covers packaging materials for general consumer products. For example, It does not apply to food packaging, chemicals, household products, or pharmaceuticals.

Labeling Requirements: Note that additional packaging labeling requirements may apply depending on the product, materials, and/or age group. Here are some examples:

- CE mark
- WEEE mark
- FCM symbol
- Energy label
- Recycling symbols
- Traceability information





# **Country/Market**

These compliance requirements broadly apply to consumer products in your selected country or market. Note that this is a general summary and there are exceptions.

## REACH

#### **Market: European Union**

REACH restricts chemicals, heavy metals, and pollutants in all consumer products sold in the European Union. Products and materials containing excessive amounts of restricted substances are non-compliant.

#### **Examples**

- Phthalates
- Arsenic chloride
- Nickel
- Lead
- Cadmium
- Mercury

#### Annex XVII

Annex XVII lists restricted substances. Any product containing listed substances above the set limits are illegal to import and sell to the EU.

#### Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)

1. Under the Waste Framework Directive (WFD), SCIP database registration is mandatory if your products contain more than 0.1% of any substance listed on the SVHC candidate list.

2. You may also need to inform consumers.

#### Persistent Organic Pollutant (POP) Regulation

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP) include certain types of pesticides, industrial chemicals, by-products, degradations, or combustions. While not part of REACH, POP restrictions are covered by Regulation (EU) 2019/1021.

#### 📥 Lab Testing

1. Third-party lab testing generally is required to verify if a certain product/material is REACH compliant. Lab testing should include Annex XVII listed substances, POPs, and SVHC candidate listed substances.

2. Testing companies also keep track of relevant substance restrictions (including limits) and assess which substances to include in the testing procedures. As such, you don't need to keep track of the current list of restricted substances or their respective limits.

## 📙 Learn More

- 1. REACH (Link)
- 2. Importer (Link)
- 3. Substances restricted under REACH (Link)
- 4. SCIP Database (Link)



## **General Product Safety Directive (GPSD)**

#### Market: European Union

The purpose of the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD) is to ensure that consumer products sold in the EU are safe. The GPSD references safety standards and testing standards for a wide range of products. That said, the GPSD requires that all consumer products are generally safe - even if no specific standards are in existence.

#### SPSD Labeling Examples

- Manufacturer or importer identity (company name)
- Manufacturer or importer details (address, contact details, other relevant information)
- Product and batch identification (Model number, SKU, batch ID)
- Risk description (if applicable)
- Description of the action undertaken to prevent risks to consumers (if applicable)
- Disposal instructions and warnings (if applicable)

#### 📥 Lab Testing

Third-party lab testing is often required to verify compliance with the applicable standards and other requirements.

### 📙 Learn More

General product safety (Link)

## Manufacturer/Importer Information

#### **Market: European Union**

Manufacturer/Importer information on the product and/or packaging is required. Here is some information that you may need to include:

- Brand/Trademark
- SKU/Product name
- EU company name
- EU company address
- EU company contact details (e.g. email and phone number)

## Batch ID/Traceability Number

#### **Market: European Union**

Batch IDs are used to help trace products to certain production runs (batches) in case of quality or safety issues arise. Batch IDs are often mandatory and may include the following information:



- SKU/Product ID
- Order/Manufacturing date
- Production Facility
- Country

#### Example

- SKU: ABC01
- Production Location: Shenzhen, China
- Production Date: June 2020

Batch Number: ABC01-062020-SZ1-CN

## **National Regulations/Standards**

#### **Market: European Union**

Product regulations are largely harmonized among European Union member states. For example, the CE mark is accepted in all EU member states. That said, some national regulations/standards are applied to certain products. Here are some examples:

- LFGB (Germany)
- DIN 4102-1 (Germany)
- M1 (France)

We recommend that you also consult a third-party lab testing company in the same EU member state in which you intend to import, manufacture, or sell your product.

## 占 Lab Testing

Third-party lab testing is required to verify compliance with the applicable standards/requirements.

## 📙 Learn More

National contact points (Link)

## 🗣 🖺 Language Requirements

#### **Market: European Union**

Product labels (e.g. warning labels) and compliance documents (e.g. user instructions and DoC) are generally required to be written in the national member state language in which the product is imported, manufactured, or distributed.

1. The EU blue guide states that the compliance documents and labels must be presented in a language that can be understood by the consumer.

**Note:** Many companies opt to have their labels and compliance documents translated to the national languages in their primary markets within the EU.

2. Market surveillance authorities can request businesses in other EU member states to provide labels and compliance documents in the national language. This is more likely to happen in case of safety or other product compliance-related issues.



3. Market surveillance authorities can also choose to accept labels and compliance documents written in a language (e.g. English) other than the national language.

## 皆 Learn More

'Blue Guide' on the implementation of EU product rules (Link)



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**Option A: Read Official Sources:** We link to official website sources in this report under **Learn more**, where you must go to find additional information about each topic.

**Option B: Request Free Lab Test Quotation:** Testing companies can help you verify if your product is compliant and provide a more specific assessment of applicable regulations, standards, and substance tests for your product. Further, testing companies normally stay up to date with new or updated regulations, standards, and other requirements.

#### **Request a Free Lab Test Quotation**

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