

## Product Safety Compliance

### Who are you talking to?

I am an official of the German Equipment and Product Safety Office. I am a product safety inspector ([surveillance authority](#)) of the German government, located in Lower Saxony.

### Why am I here?

I am here to inspect your offered products for compliance with European safety requirements under the authority of the State of Lower Saxony in accordance with German Equipment and Product Safety Act, § 8.

### What is my authorization?

Such inspections are authorized in Germany in accordance with the European directives which are implemented in the German Equipment and Product Safety Act (ProdSG) and its regulations (ProdSV) e.g. Low Voltage directive – 1. ProdSV.

### What can you expect during this inspection?

1. I will visit your stand at the fair
2. I will explain my intentions
3. I will inspect the displayed products
4. I will ask pertinent questions
5. I will request to see relevant documentation

### Do your products completely comply with European safety requirements?

European safety requirements are laid down in harmonised European directives such as General Product Safety Directive or Machinery Directive.

The CE marking shows the conformity of a product to the European Community requirements incumbent on the manufacturer of the product. It indicates that the product conforms to all the European Community provisions providing for the affixing of the CE marking.

Special technical details are described in harmonised European Standards (EN).

### What will happen if I find a discrepancy?

1. You will be verbally informed of any discrepancy
2. Products not conforming to requirements must be labelled as such or be removed from the stand (Alternative labelling solutions can be reviewed)
3. You will not be able to offer your products on the European market until compliance is met
4. Your stand could be shut down

## Definitions:

### 1. Placement on market:

Placing on the market is the initial action of making a product available on the European Community market, with a view to distribution or use in the European Community.

This making available can be either for payment or free of charge.

### 2. Declaration of Conformity:

The Declaration of Conformity is the procedure by which the manufacturer, or the authorised representative established in the European Community, declares that the product being placed on the market complies with all the essential health and safety requirements applying.

### 3. Harmonised Standards:

Harmonised standards are European standards, which are adopted by European standards organisations, prepared in accordance with the General Guidelines agreed between the Commission and the European standards organisations, and follow a mandate issued by the Commission after consultation with the Member States.

## Relationship between ProdSG / ProdSV and the European Directives

Produktsicherheitsgesetz (ProdSG) and its regulations (ProdSVs) are the German Regulations for Equipment and Product Safety. They are the transpositions of EU Directives into German law as listed below:

EU Directive	transposed into German Law
DIRECTIVE 2001/95/EC on general product safety	Produktsicherheitsgesetz - ProdSG
DIRECTIVE 2014/35/EU relating of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits	Verordnung über elektrische Betriebsmittel - 1. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys	Verordnung über die Sicherheit von Spielzeug - 2. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2014/29/EU relating of simple pressure vessels	Verordnung über einfache Druckbehälter - 6. ProdSV
REGULATION (EU) 2016/426 on appliances burning gaseous fuels	Gesetz zur Durchführung der Verordnung (EU) 2016/426 über Geräte zur Verbrennung gasförmiger Brennstoffe
REGULATION (EU) 2016/425 on personal protective equipment	Gesetz zur Durchführung der Verordnung (EU) 2016/425 vom 9. März 2016 über persönliche Schutzausrüstungen (PSA)
DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC on machinery	Maschinenverordnung - 9. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2013/53/EU on recreational craft and personal watercraft	Verordnung über Sportboote und Wassermotorräder - 10. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2014/34/EU relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres	Explosionsschutzprodukteverordnung - 11. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2014/33/EU relating to lifts and safety components for lifts	Aufzugsverordnung - 12. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2008/47/EC relating to aerosol dispensers	Aerosolpackungsverordnung - 13. ProdSV
DIRECTIVE 2014/68/EU relating to pressure equipment	Druckgeräteverordnung - 14. ProdSV

## Do you want additional sources of information ?

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## You can find additional information on following websites:

<https://www.gewerbeaufsicht.niedersachsen.de/startseite/>

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market_en)

<https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/mandates/index.cfm?fuseaction=refSearch.search>

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## Information



## Product Safety Compliance

Must have Information for exhibitors from the Supervisory authority for equipment and product safety, Lower Saxony.

What you need to know to manufacture and place safe products on the European market.



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