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Commonwealth of Independent States

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Why certify with TÜVRheinland®
The certification process in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) can be very complex, time consuming and subject to change. The CIS is the international organization, or alliance, consisting of eleven former Soviet Republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Turkmenistan is now an associate member.

TÜVRheinland® — with its comprehensive information on the requirements of each country in the CIS such as regulatory agencies, current legislation, mandatory versus voluntary certification and various assessment processes — can assist exporters in gaining the required certifications with minimal time and expense.

Each government in the CIS country has mandated laws regarding:
- Protection of Consumers Rights
- Certification of Products and Services
- Standardization
- Technical Regulation
- Communication

Regulations
Various governmental bodies in CIS countries are appointed to oversee the regulations including:
- Implementation of Certification Laws
- Establishing Rules and Procedures for Certification
- Establishing Rules of Accreditation
- Accrediting Certification Bodies and Testing Laboratories
- Co-ordinating the Rules of Recognition of the Certificates by Customs
- Market Surveillance Inspection

Shipments and their documentation into CIS countries are thoroughly checked at customs. Authorized copies of the certificate must accompany the shipment or be provided by the importer. Regulated products not having the proper certificates can be held in customs, banned from the market or the importer fined.

Regulated Products
These vary from country to country and include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Transport vehicles and automotive components
- Electrical and electronic equipment
- Medical equipment
- Telecommunication (wired and wireless) equipment
- Toys
- Metal cutting, wood processing and metal working assembly tools
- Individual protection means
- High-voltage equipment
- Agricultural machinery
- Explosive materials and explosive-based products
- Light industrial products
- Pressure vessels
- Fire related vessels

Certification is based upon testing at accredited laboratories. Safety standards are to an increasing extent based on IEC standards.

Laws exist for specific equipment in each CIS country. Here are some examples of unique Russian laws.
Other states within the CIS have similar laws:

Gosgortechnadzor (Federal Mining and Industrial Supervision of Russia)
Authorized to grant permission for the use of industrial machinery intended for petroleum processing, oil-chemical and chemical equipment; mining and processing equipment; high pressure vessels; turbines; boilers; lifting-transport equipment and explosive atmospheres.
Sanepidnadsor
(State Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision of Russia)
Authorized body to issue Hygienic Conclusion for machinery including food producing plants and equipment and plants producing packaging or packing materials for food and drinking water production.

Roszdravnadzor
(Federal Service for Control Over Healthcare & Social Development)
Authorized body for registering medical products.

Mininformsvyaz
(Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications of Russia)
Authorized body for telecom certifications (wired and wireless).

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