

EuroCad (1999-2000)

Summary

This project was carried out with the focus on plastic products covered by the Cadmium Restriction Directives 76/769/EEC, 91/338/EEC resp. 1999/51/EC. As many of the inspected products were imported from outside the EU during this project the custom authorities had to be involved.

During the inspections it turned out that there were no harmonised methods for analysing Cd in plastic products leading to the recommendation to describe an analytical method for the determination of Cd in plastics. The results showed that almost all products having a Cd content that exceeded the limit value were found to be imported from the far east of Asia.