

Dear Sportsman's Guide Supplier;

Effective January 1st, 2010, we will require a General Conformity Certificate (GCC) to be provided on most items being imported to the United States. The GCC must be provided for all shipments with a vessel sailing date as of January 1st, 2010, and for all shipments thereafter. If a GCC is required, you must provide it to the Import Department for approval a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the shipment departure. The Sportsman's Guide will not accept any booking without a GCC on file.

Merchandise which requires a General Conformity Certificate (GCC):

- Wearing apparel required by Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) to be tested under FFA (Federal Flammability Act) 16 CFR 1610.
- Wearing apparel is compliant with the Standard of Flammability of Clothing Textiles and **exempt** from testing under 16 CFR 1610.37(d) as product is composed of one or more of the following Class 1 Textiles (1) Plain surface fabrics, regardless of fiber content, weighing 2.6 ounces per square yard or more; and (2) All fabrics, both plain surface and raised-fiber surface, regardless of weight, made entirely from any of the following fibers or entirely from combination of the following fabrics: acrylic, modacrylic, nylon, olefin, polyester, wool.
- Carpets, Rugs (small and large), Bath Mats and Stair Treads required by 16 CFR 1630/31
- Mattress pads or protectors required by 16 CFR 1632
- Ban of Lead - Any product with a scrapable surface is required to be tested for lead under 16 CFR 1303.
- Flammability of Solids – If a product, in its normal or foreseeable use, may come into potential contact with an ignition source, it would require 16 CFR 1500.44 testing.

⇒ Please see Code of Federal Regulations at www.cpsc.gov for specific information on these federal requirements.

Requirements of the General Conformity Certificate (GCC):

- The GCC will list The Sportsman's Guide Item Number and Purchase Order Number(s), manufacturer, importer, the applicable CPSC Product Safety Regulation Test(s), and the testing information supporting the GCC.
- A GCC can only be issued on items with PASSING lab reports.
- If a shipment contains multiple types of product/styles, a separate GCC must be available for each item number.
- GCC(s) and test records should be retained and available upon request for 3 years from date of certification by the manufacturer, private labeler and the importer.
- Language written on GCC and test report must be in English.
- CPSC may require The Sportsman's Guide to destroy the goods or issue a penalty if the GCC(s) is not provided or false or inaccurate information is given. As a vendor of The Sportsman's Guide, you must assume responsibility to comply with all CPSC requirements, and understand that, if you fail to do so, The Sportsman's Guide shall be entitled to cancel/return the order(s), withhold payment, and/or charge you with all damages, losses, penalties, and attorney fees in connection to any such failure. A minimum chargeback of \$500.00 will be issued to the vendor if the GCC(s) is not submitted to the Import Department a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the ship date and/or the vendor does not submit an approved GCC(s) to our forwarder with the shipment documents.

Who Must Certify:

- **Importer:** the Company who is the importer on record: The Sportsman's Guide.

GCC Process:

- The Sportsman's Guide requires the vendor to complete the GCC(s) form and forward to the Import Department for approval on applicable merchandise a minimum of 2 weeks prior to vessel departure. No booking with our forwarder will be approved if a GCC is required for the shipment and it has not been submitted to the Import Department for approval.
- Approved GCC(s) must be included as part of the shipment documents provided to our forwarder, North Star International.
- A **valid lab test** (lab test performed within 1 year of the manufacturing date) must be on file in order for The Sportsman's Guide to approve a GCC. On repeat orders, with no change in product or manufacturer, the initial GCC may be reused with the new PO's listed and an updated manufacturing date.
- It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of all information including the factory name, address, and contact information.
- If applicable, the GCC must be provided for all shipments with a vessel sailing date as of January 1st, 2010, and for all shipments thereafter.

A soft copy of the certificate has been included in this letter for your reference. For further details on testing requirements and exemptions, refer to www.cpsc.gov, or the Vendor Compliance Manual on our website <https://www.navegate.com/sportsmans/>. We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Tori Carlson & Jeff Rivera