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I. Overview on Production, trading and import toys

- **Local toy production:**
- **A number of local manufacturer is few, only some in the big cities such as Hanoi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City.**
- **Local toys are poor design, form and category in general, mainly products such as ball, the letters, pictures of arrangements, the simulation objects in the household by plastic, toys on sand, stuffed animals, doll.**
- **Local toys are poor design, form, category and functions.**

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Imported toys:

- From 2006 to 2008 there are 167 enterprises imported toys they registered addresses in 16 provinces and cities.
- Including 82 companies in Ho Chi Minh City, accounting for 49.7% of total importing business
- The Quang Ninh province has 24 enterprises, Hanoi has 22 enterprises, Hai Phong has 11 enterprises, and Lang Son has 7 enterprises. In other provinces have one or several enterprises.

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II. Management quality of toys in Viet nam

2.1. From 1997 to 2006 (10 years):

- Mainly focus on quality imported toys.
- Decision No. 1604/QD-TDC on the List of Goods import-export must be checked the quality.
- In 2000, the **MOSTE** (now is **MOST**) issued Decision No. 117/2000/QD-BKHCNMT on the List of goods imported, exported must be checked quality.
- Checking by standard TCVN 5682:1992, TCVN 6238-1:1997 (Safe toys children-request mechanophysical).

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2.2. From 2006 to present

- On 07/3/2006, the Prime Minister issued Decision No. 50/2006/QD-TTg, Promulgating the List of products, goods must be checked the quality, in which have toys for children under 36 months old. Checking by the standard TCVN 6238-3:1997. Safe toys Requirements limited penetration level of toxins.
- Ministry of Science and Technology issued the Decision on regulation 26/2006/QD-BKHCN responsible for the implementation of quality products, goods circulated in the market and imported, exported goods.

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Legal basis

- **Law on Standards and Technical Regulations** (*effective from 01/01/2007*)
- **Decree 127/2007/ND-CP** detailing the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Technical Regulations **Law on Products and Goods Quality** (*effective from 01/7/2008*)
- **Decree 132/2008/ND-CP** detailing the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Products and Goods Quality
- **Decree 54/2009/ND-CP** on sanctioning of administrative violations in the domain of metrology and goods & product quality
- **Decision under Decrees: 24/2007/QĐ-BKHCN**, promulgating “Regulation on Certification of conformity to standards, technical regulation and Declaration of conformity to standards, technical regulation”

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Legal basis

- **Circulars under Decrees:**
 - **Circular 01/2009/TT-BKHCN**, promulgating the list of products and goods likely to pose the danger of unsafely and falling under management of the MOST, inclusive of toys for children;
 - **Circular 08/2009/TT-BKHCN** guiding the requirements, order and procedures for registration of operations of conformity assessment;
 - **Circular 09/2009/TT-BKHCN** guiding the requirements on, order of and procedures for the designation of conformity assessment organizations;
 - **Circular 16/2009/TT-BKHCN** guiding the product quality control on the market;
 - **Circular 17/2009/BKHCN** guiding the import-export product quality control under management of the MOST.

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Control of Imported Toys (in 2008)

- all imported batches of goods by the quota is met quality and safety.
- Total batches of toys quality registered are 1030,
- all batch of toys are met quality imported by TCVN 6238-3-1997 (met quality 100%)
- On labeling: There are 77.77% of total batch that not statistics on labels, in which 56.21%

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On origin

- In total 1030 imported batch toys:
- 904 batches have originated from China (accounting for 87.77%),
- 37 batches have originated from Thailand (3.59%),
- 19 batches from Taiwan,
- 9 originated from South Korea and the remaining 61 batches originated from other countries.

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Control of toys circulated on the market (in 2008-2009)

- Many imported goods have not sub label; some local manufacturers has not the name of goods, name and address organizations or individuals responsible for the goods.
- Pattern toys from market tested in 2008 (110 samples) are meet the requirements of TCVN 6238-3:1997 on the limitation entry of toxins from toys for children under 36 months of age for the criteria: antimony (SB), arsenate (As), Barium (Ba), cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), lead (Pb), mercury (Hg) and Formaldehyde and meet the requirements of against fire by TCVN 6328-2:1997.
- 2009, organizations continue checking the quality of goods toys circulated on the market nationwide.

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III. Some solution to enhance quality management of toys

1. On the Standards, Technical regulation:

- Promulgation of Technical regulation on safety of toys
- **Final Draft QCVN 3 : 2009/BKHCHN : National Technical Regulation on safety OF TOYS:**
- Listed CABs: Both Testing labs (ISO 17025) and Certification bodies (ISO Guide 65)
- Provisions on CABs designation procedures (Circular 08 and 09/2009/TT-BKHCHN)
- Provisions on conformity assessment procedures (Decision 24/2007/TT-BKHCHN)
- Provision on Conformity Mark(Decision24/2007/TT-BKHCHN)
- Provisions on registration & declaration (Decision 24/2007/TT-BKHCHN)
- Provisions on inspection (import-export product) & market surveillance (Circular 16 and 17/2009/TT-BKHCHN)

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- **2. The control and inspection:**
- **Strengthening of inspection of quality of import, production and circulation toys on the market. Detection, prevention business does not guarantee quality, safety toys, not labeled as prescribed and widely reported on the media's our people consumers.**
- **Suggest to the Committee 127/TW steer the authorities concerned management market such as Customs, Police...control of imported toys with non-quota to the border into Vietnam.**

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3. Information and propaganda

- **Strengthening coordination of ministries, relevant agencies in disseminating educational customers of quality, product labels.**
- **Distribution of leaflets on Toy safety to small business, school about the toxic toys have been warning and instruction selection toy safety and quality.**

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- **4. Strengthening resources**

- Additional equipment for the testing unit, equipments for rapid test.
- Enhance fund for inspection, control and sample test.

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- **5. Responsibilities of the Enterprises, Business:**

- The Enterprise, imported business toys have commitments that the toys have origin clearly and ensure quality, labeled according to the law.
- The enterprises, imported business must declare the conformity to Technical regulation, labeled the mark of conformity to Technical regulation on the product and labeled in full accordance to the law.

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IV. Conclusions

- Toys are goods, which must quality control in production, import and on the market.
- **Promulgation of Technical regulation on safety of toys (QCVN), harmonization ISO, EN,**
- **Need** additional equipment for the testing unit, equipments for rapid test.
- **Strengthening coordination of other countries in quality management.**

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