

Consumer Goods & Retail Services

# Softline's Training Seminar Programme 2024

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# SGS Training Seminar Programme

We are pleased to announce our updated 2024 range of seminar training courses which are designed for you to remain up to date and informed on the latest legislation, industry updates and consumer safety demands.

SGS provides excellent course materials, with clearly defined objectives and reliable, friendly course administration.

We offer the majority of the courses online, so it allows you to attend from any location, but we can also deliver at a location suitable to all parties.

Whether you are seeking knowledge that enables you to comply with regulations, improve performance, manage risk or develop talent: the consumer and retail seminars can help you and your business gain the knowledge you need to continually adapt in today's moving markets. As a leader in professional training, we draw on years of worldwide experience to provide effective learning opportunities.

## **COURSES OFFERED**

Please refer to page 3 and 4 to see the courses that we offer, which are pre – prepared. (Explanation of content on pages 5 – 33)

We also offer **BESPOKE COURSES** which are additional courses to the ones which we have listed and will be designed and incorporate your requirements. Please speak with your account manager or contact [ukenquiries@sgs.com](mailto:ukenquiries@sgs.com) via email or call +44 (0)151 350 6666 for more information.

# Seminar Fees and Booking Process

## SCHEDULE SEMINAR FEES

To be advised on request



## HOW TO BOOK

Please contact your account manager or contact [ukenquiries@sgs.com](mailto:ukenquiries@sgs.com) via email or call +44 (0)151 350 6666 and dates will be booked to a time which suits both parties and once confirmed, we will provide you with the booking form.

All presentations are shared with you after the session for your reference.

## COURSE LEADERS

Our course leaders have many years of experience behind them, having spent numerous years in the industry and deliver training to a high standard.

## SAMPLES

If you have any specific questions, we advise that you bring any samples prepared for discussion.

## FEEDBACK

After each session we may ask for feedback, which will help us understand if any improvements are required.

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# Fibre Names and Labelling UK & EU

## Course Agenda

- Legal Standing
- Labelling and Marking
- More Complex Items
- Special provisions
- Exclusive & Inclusive
- Case Studies

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will cover the legal requirements on labels across the UK & EU. Helping identify generic fibre names which are not permitted in the EU.

It will also help you identify which products do not need labels and give you some examples to help and support.

- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Interpretation of a Test Report

## Course Agenda

- Quality manual and performance standards
- Why, when and where to test
- Overview of current performance specification
- Test report review
- Points of awareness

## Duration

- 1 Hour

## What's covered and who would benefit.

The test report is a document that itemises the properties of the material under test and is intended to give an insight into the expected performance in use, highlight potential problems and provide comparative data on which good judgement can be made.

The seminar will give a comprehensive understanding of how a report should look, what should be included and what the information means as well as how it may be used to best advantage,

We will also give some pointers to where you might go for more information and keep abreast of current legislation.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists



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# Introduction to Textile Testing

## Course Agenda

- Overview of testing
- Cloth construction
- Physical testing
- Colourfastness testing
- Flammability testing
- Chemical testing

## Duration

- 10.00am – 4.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

The seminar discusses the role of testing and the importance of ensuring correct lab accreditation for the test methods being carried out.

It is important to understand the differences of cloth construction of woven, knits and non – woven materials in order to understand what test are applicable to the different types of cloth construction.

The course covers the different types of tests that can be selected to assess the fabrics performance and which ones are more suitable based on the end use of the product.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists



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# Nightwear Safety in the UK

## Course Agenda

- UK Regulations
- Children's Nightwear
- Advertising in the media
- Flammability testing
- Due Diligence

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

The Nightwear (safety) Regulations in their current form have been in place in the UK since 1986. They took over from the earlier Nightdress Regulations.

The seminar is intended to give the delegates a general understanding of the regulations and what is expected of adult's and children's wear nightwear in respect of flammability.

The seminar will look at what is expected of the fabrics, sewing threads and embroidery threads and trims used as well as when and how to consider EN 14878. It will look at what is exempt from the regulations and what is not.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Science of Colour and Vision

## Course Agenda

- What is colour
- Seeing colour
- Importance of colour
- What effects colour perception
- Colour communication
- Visual assessment & standardisation
- Is it okay to view colour on a screen?
- Why measure colour at all
- Colour differences
- Economics

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will give you an in – site into how we see colour and our different perceptions of colour.

It will also explain the importance of colour to how customers shop.

It will also cover how colour is assed across the textile industry.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# China GB 31701 – Children’s Wear Safety

## Course Agenda

- Considerations
- Standards & Requirements
- Cords & Drawstrings
- Choosing a product Standard
- Labelling

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar aims to provide understanding of the pitfalls associated with Children’s clothing in the China Market and so make selling to this expansive market smoother and fewer problems.

Recently the Chinese authorities have recognised a need to legislate in this area to protect children from hazards associated with clothing and accessories, the seminar aims to demystify the market place and legislation

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Accessories

## Course Agenda

- What are fashion accessories
- What are the regulations
- Real recent Rapex recalls
- Case studies
- Chemical testing
- Corrosion
- Enforcement, Penalties and Defence

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

The Seminar will cover those fashion items such as Gloves, Hats, Handbags, Jewellery, Watches, Sunglasses, Embellishments and other accessories which we all use.

This course will address your interests in recognising potential quality issues and risks, assessing the mechanical and chemical hazards.

Instructions will provide an understanding of hazards involved and the available tools such as legislation, codes of practice and due diligence testing.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Denim Dyeing and Finishing

## Course Agenda

- History
- Denim Background
- Dyeing
- Denim Fabric
- Denim Garments
- Denim Novelties
- Denim & the environment

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is specifically designed to take the attendees through all the dyeing and finishing processes involved in the production of denim, including the background and history associated with Denim.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Fibres to Fabrics

## Course Agenda

- All about Fibres
- All about yarns
- All about fabrics
- All about Dyeing & Finishing

## Duration

- 10.00am – 4.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

The seminar discusses what is a textile and describes production from raw fibres and yarns through to the final fabric.

The course investigates how they are processed to become a fabric and processed to include application of colour and finishing processes to ensure the fabric is stable and colour fast.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

# GPSD - GPSR

## Course Agenda

- What's covered and what's not
- What's a safe product
- Assessment of safety
- Who's responsible

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will give a comprehensive insight into the mechanics of the directive and how this is transposed into legislation.

A look at the RAPEX web site will highlight some of the more common pitfalls awaiting unwary vendors and importers.

We will also give some pointers to where you might go for more information and keep abreast of changes in legislation.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists



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# Knitting – An Introduction to Knitting for Apparel

## Course Agenda

- Knitting defined
- History
- Machine Knitting
- Knitted structure
- Garments and shaping

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

The seminar introduces the basic understanding of the knitting process, the needles used and their actions in the machine and the different types of machines available to make different structures possible.

Shaping panels and introducing patterning and making tights.

The seminar will cover the processes involved in knitting together with the language used and what is possible, together with shaping panels, patterning and making hosiery.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Sock Measurement and Fitting

## Course Agenda

- Sock Measurements
- Fitting

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This session will cover the principle of sock measurement, fitting and the correct use of the sock board.

- Junior technologists
- Technologists new to the area.

## Duration

- 1 Hour

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# Textile Printing

## Course Agenda

- When can textiles be printed
- Screen Printing
- Panel Printing
- Digital printing
- Different types of colourants

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will give an overview of the different printing methods and printing equipment that is available to the textile industry.

It will help understand the potential issues with printing and give advise on the different print methods and colourants that could be used.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Dyeing and Finishing Textiles

## Course Agenda

- Preparation of products
- Dyeing of Products
- Finishing of products

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is designed to give an overview of the dyeing and finishing processes and to help attendees develop and understanding of the problems associated with colouration of textile products.

The course content was specifically designed to take the science out of the dyeing and finishing process, making the knowledge accessible and relevant to the retail industry enabling you to better understand test reports and give you the confidence in dealing with supplier quality issues.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

# Candle Safety - Testing and Labelling

## Course Agenda

- Overview
- Aspects of candle safety
- Burn testing
- Soot creation
- Labelling
- Candle holder testing
- Impact of GPSD & other legislations

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will cover the aspects of candle safety and the requirements for testing.

It will also give you a guide to labelling requirements and the impact on GPSD and other legislations.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Home Furnishings - Flammability

## Course Agenda

- Legislation
- Testing Requirements

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

In the United Kingdom, it has been a requirement for many years that domestic upholstered furniture is tested and compliant with regulations concerning its ignitibility behaviour i.e its flammability performance.

This seminar will increase your understanding of labelling of finished products, testing requirements and what you / your suppliers need to do to comply with the UK regulations.

# Textile Labelling – An Overview

## Course Agenda

- Labelling / Marking
- Information on the label
- Permanent and display labels
- Packaging
- Other labels you may see

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will address your interests in the legal aspects of labelling as well as the practical interpretation of those regulations.

It will clarify what needs to be labelled and what does not and it will demonstrate how the detail of the regulations impacts on specific products with multiple components and those that are part textiles and part something else.

Most textile products require an indication of fibre content and there are rules governing how this should be done.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists



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# Children's Wear Safety

## Course Agenda

- Considerations
- Standards & Requirements
- Drawstrings and Cords
- Choosing a product standard
- Labelling

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar aims to provide understanding of the pitfalls associated with clothing and children's behaviour and so makes their adventure a little less hazardous.

It will address your interest in recognising potential risks, assessing the levels of risk from cords, drawstrings and other mechanical and chemical hazards.

We will also give you pointers of where you might go for more information and keep abreast of changes in legislation.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# How to Measure

## Course Agenda

- What products require measuring
- Review of the measurement guide
- How to measure products

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar will cover the principles of what products would need measuring.

It would work with the measurement guide, which can be tailored made to your company, at a charge.

It would also show you the basic measurement points and how to measure

- Junior Technologist
- Technologists new to the business
- Technologists

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# Restricted Substances in Softline Products

## Course Agenda

- Definition, General information and chemicals
- REACH/ UK REACH Restricted substances and POPs / UK POPs
- SVHCs / Candidate list substances / SCIP database
- EN 71 – 3 testing
- USA Legislations
- California Proposition 65
- Restricted Substance Lists (RSLs)
- Product Recalls, HGO Activity

## Duration

- 9.30am – 1.30pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams who are responsible for monitoring REACH compliance activities of a broad range of products, including products for the footwear, clothing and accessories.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Introduction to Footwear

## Course Agenda

- Footwear manufacturing overview
- Components and their terminology
- The basic steps in footwear manufacturing
- Major materials and their characteristics
- Different Types of construction
- Sole bonding
- Mould

## Duration

- 10.00am – 4.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams who are responsible for footwear or looking to move across to footwear.

It gives an overview of the aspects of footwear and helps you understand different parts of the shoe.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Waterproof Fabrics and Garments

## Course Agenda

- What is water proofing
- Labelling requirements
- Definition of water Repellence
- Check points
- Testing

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams who are using water proof fabrics.

We will explain the different kinds of water proofing, labelling requirements and testing.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Flame Retardancy – Softlines

## Course Agenda

- What is Flame Retardancy
- What products would this relate to
- How is it tested
- Labelling

## Duration

- 10.00am – 12.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams who are responsible for nightwear ,clothing and soft line products that have been advised to be flame retardant.

This seminar will help you understand and help you with required legal requirements

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# Industry Highlights

## Course Agenda

- Global Regulatory and standard updates
- Recent Product Recalls
- Global Market Trends

## Duration

- 10.00m – 12.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams to keep them updated on a quarterly basis of changes in the market

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists



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# Sun Safe

## Course Agenda

- What is meant by Sun Safe
- CE marking
- UV protections
- Labelling
- Testing

## Duration

- 10.00am – 12.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams who are responsible products which are declared as sun safe.

It will help explain the requirements for testing and labelling.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

# Lab Tours

## Basic Tour

- Tour of the lab
- Overview of what tests offered

## Would suit

- Experienced Technologists

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## Advanced In-depth Lab Tour

- Tour of the lab
- Videos on testing methods
- Discussions on testing

## Would suit

- New Technologists
- Junior Technologists

## Duration

- 10.00am – 4.00pm  
including lunch for up to 6  
people

# 2 Day Technical Training

## Course Agenda

- Tour of the lab
- Life cycle of products
- Pattern Cutting
- Grading
- Construction
- Testing
- Risk assessments
- Best practices
- Measurements
- Inspection Criteria (AQL Process)
- Rectification requirements

## Duration

- 10.00am – 4.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at new and junior technologists, buyers and designers to the business and covers the life cycle of the product including testing and end inspections.

We will touch on grading and pattern cutting to help give teams an insight into products from start to finish.

The course will cover products relevant to your business.

- New Technologists, buyers and designers
- Junior Technologists, buyers and designers

We can tailor the course to suit your needs and the days can be over a couple of weeks if required.

# Leather Training

## Course Agenda

- What is leather
- How leather is made
- Chromium tannages – including Chrome VI
- Different tannage methods
- Leather classification
- Testing recommendations
- Mould overview

## Duration

- 10.00am – 1.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This seminar is aimed at buyers, designers and technologists who deal with leather products. It will help you get an overview and understanding of Leather.

It will help you understand what is leather and how it is made.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

# AQL Training

## Course Agenda

- What is AQL
- Minor, major and critical
- AQL table and 2.5% inspection
- Product inspections

## Duration

- 10.00am – 4.00pm

## What's covered and who would benefit.

This Seminar is aimed at teams who are responsible for final products and inspections.

It will help teams understand what an AQL is and how to prepare to conduct an AQL.

You will be shown how to inspect the products and what to look out for, but standards will NOT be set by SGS.

- Designers
- Buyers
- Technologists

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# THANK YOU!

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