



Connectivity & Products

# UK Hardlines Training Seminars

2026

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**Date and Time:**

- September 16<sup>th</sup> 2026
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Presenter:**

Rob Hinchcliffe - Joined SGS as a Business Manager in 2018 with a wealth of experience in the TIC industry, specialising in the hardlines sector for 12 years. Today, as UK Hardlines Manager Rob responsible for developing SGS's Hardlines strategy for the UK and supporting customers globally with technical advice and training.

**Location:**

- SGS Manchester or via MS TEAMS

**Fees Per Person:**

- £250 + VAT

## 2026 Toy Safety Compliance and Testing Requirements

**What's covered in the course.**

The safety of toys within Europe is governed by the Toy Safety Directive, which lays down the legal requirements covering the safety of toys, their labelling and the obligations on manufacturers, importers and retailers.

This training provides an overview of current and future European and UK Toy Safety legislation and an understanding of legal obligations as well as the chemical requirements within the European/UK Directives and the obligations of everyone within the supply chain.

In addition, it will look at when to test your product, the types of tests that the labs carry out and understanding test results. Learn how to apply the CE and UKCA mark and use the correct warnings and common fails and recalls within the industry.

**Overview of topics covered:**

- Introduction to The Toy Safety Directive in EU and UK law
- What is a Toy?
- Importance of age grading in toy safety.
- Overview of Key UK and European Standards
- Common Chemical Requirements in Toys
- Future Updates
- Summary of International standards
- Common problems and fails and recent EU RAPEX and UK recalls
- Q&A

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- September 30<sup>th</sup> 2026
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Presenter:**

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## Understanding the basics of REACH & RoHS compliance

**What's covered in the course.**

All manufacturers, importers, distributors and downstream users of chemicals within the Consumer Goods sector need to be fully aware of the impact that REACH and RoHS has on their business and suppliers.

With our REACH expertise and network of global experience, our training helps you understand the regulation framework and develop a strategy towards adapting and managing REACH going forward for both the EU and UK markets and also looks at how the CLP regulation applies under REACH and when it is required.

In addition, the training will provide an understanding of the RoHS requirements for the UK & EU and as well as the products and materials it is applicable to, how compliance can be demonstrated

**Overview of topics covered:**

- Introduction to REACH
- SVHC's and Restricted Substances
- The Candidate List
- Registration, Notification and Authorisation processes
- CLP Requirements
- RoHS – An overview
- Product recalls
- Q&A

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**Date and Time:**

- October 14<sup>th</sup> 2026
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Presenters:**

Rob Hinchcliffe -  
Worked for 12 years in the hardlines industry across a variety of sectors. Worked within the TIC industry for over 18 years, now as UK Hardlines Manager for SGS. Responsible for developing Hardlines strategy in the UK.

Tracy Lai –  
Chemistry Manager at SGS UK, started in 2022 having worked in the testing industry for 11 years. Previously she worked at QATS before management of the SGS UK chemistry lab

**Location:**

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## Food Contact Materials Compliance in the UK and EU

**What's covered in the course.**

This seminar will explore both general and specific measures, with a key focus on core food contact materials (plastics, ceramics, glass, wood and metals) and how to comply with their requirements using the European and UK guidelines. Additionally, preliminary technical views on food contact materials and their potential impact will be discussed.

This is aimed at both food contact quality and regulatory compliance professionals for the EU and UK markets and anyone who is currently manufacturing, selling or supplying finished products and materials that are used for the purposes of packaging, displaying, serving or preparing foodstuffs and provides an easy-to-follow introduction to this complex regulatory subject.

**Overview of topics covered:**

- Introduction to Food Contact Materials and Articles
- Overview of EU and UK Legislation on Legal Framework and Specific Measures
- Guidelines for Food Contact Materials and Articles Without Specific Measures
- Food Contact Plastics
- Other core materials and their requirements
- Common fails and recent recalls
- Q&A

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**Date and Time:**

- November 4<sup>th</sup> 2026
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Presenter:**

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## Risk Assessments and Managing General Product Safety

**What's covered in the course.**

Within the EU and UK the General Product Safety Regulations apply to all products intended for or likely to be used by consumers (even if not intended for them) that are supplied or made available. These include areas such as;

- Nursery and juvenile products
- Leisure, exercise and sporting goods
- Household goods, such as furnishings and kitchenware
- Promotional products
- Giftware and novelty goods
- Stationery, craft and art materials

This seminar will provide an understanding of how the regulations work in the UK and EU and specifically at the changes that came into force at the start of 2025 when the new GPSR became effective in the EU. In addition, we will take a look at how you can assess and manage risk in your product ranges and a detailed look at how to effectively carry out risk assessments yourself

**Overview of topics covered:**

- The General Product Safety Regulations in 2026 and beyond
- Managing Risks and Hazards
- How to Risk Assess your Products and carry out a Risk Assessment
- Common Fails and Recent Recalls
- Q&A



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