TBT WORKSHOP ON SUPPLIER'S DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE

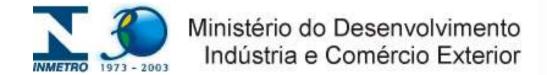
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Organization and Management of the Activity of Conformity Assessment

- Systemically managed
- Brazilian System of Conformity Assessment
- Policies and Guidelines Established by a National Council
- The National Institute of Metrology and Quality Inmetro is the manager of conformity assessment program and official accreditation body



Mechanisms of Conformity Assessment used in Brazil

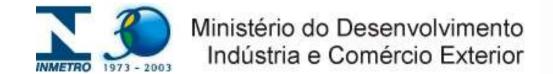
- Certification
- Supplier's Declaration
- Labeling
- Inspection
- Testing

Following UP Products in the Market

- Inspection, executed by police officers
- Market surveillance

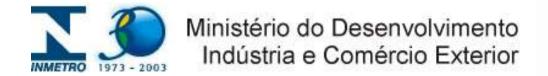
The Brazilian Experience With Supplier's Declaration

- Field of Application
- How it is used



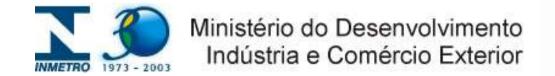
The Brazilian Experience With Supplier's Declaration

- Sectors Using Suppliers Declaration
 - Disposable cigarette lighters
 - Installation of Vehicular Natural Gas
 Systems
 - Angle Iron Made of Hot-rolled Steel
 - Welded or Seamless, carbon or micro alloyed steel



Results Obtained By Following up the Product in the Market

- Objectives
- Analysis Methodology
- Treatment of the Results



Results Obtained By Following up the Product in the Market

Market Surveillance – Supplier's Declaration Results

Nome of the Product	Non Conformity
Disposable cigarette lighter	0%
Installation VNG System	14,1%
Angle Iron made of hot-rolled steel	0%

Summarizing

- i) The reasons and factor taken into account when deciding to apply suppliers declaration of conformity in a particular sector are:
 - products or services embedding medium to low risk to the health or safety of the consumer and environment.
 - Regulated field
 - The history of quality as well as the maturity of the consumer relations in the sector
 - The related costs

Summarizing

- ii)Suppliers declaration can be used alone or combined with third party assessment
- iii)The international standard ISO/IEC 17050-1, Conformity Assessment Suppliers Declaration of Conformity is taken into account
- iv)We have some basic institutional and legislative infrastructured, mainly the consumer's protection national law

Summarizing

- v) The compliance is ensured by following up products in the market
 - One is inspection, executed by police officers
 - The second is the market surveillance program, with preventive characteristic
- vi) We don't have any experience related with the use of supplier declaration of conformity in developed country facilitating imports from Brazil

Final Considerations

- Experiment of using supplier's Declaration in Brazil has been extremely positive
- Results are similar to those observed in the international practices
- As in third-party assessments, it has been detected a trend of higher incidence of non conformities in services when compared to products

Final Considerations

- The results of the programs to follow up products in the market are already being used in the improvement of the conformity assessment programs
- The police of gradual implementation shall be continued

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