

Guidelines for book production at Livonia Print according to GPSR

The requirements are derived from the Regulation (EU) 2023/988 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 on general product safety, amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and the Council, and repealing Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 87/357/EEC (hereinafter – GPSR).

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/988/oj>

GPSR objective, subject matter and relevant definitions

- 1) The objective of GPSR is to improve the functioning of the internal market while providing for a high level of consumer protection;
- 2) GPSR lays down essential rules on the safety of consumer products placed or made available on the market for products, **that has been produced after 13 December, 2024.**
- 3) A safe product is defined as any product which, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, including the actual duration of use, does not present any risk or only the minimum risks compatible with the product's use, considered acceptable and consistent with a high level of protection of the health and safety of consumers.
- 4) A manufacturer is defined as any natural or legal person who manufactures a product or markets manufactured product under his name or trademark.

Since Livonia Print does not market the product under its name, in this context, the manufacturer is considered Livonia Print's customer.

Livonia Print responsibilities:

- 1) Livonia Print takes full responsibility for the production process in accordance with an internal production control procedure that adheres to all applicable requirements outlined in the Material Compliance Statement.
- 2) Livonia Print can provide a customer-specific Bill of Materials (BOM) in our standardized format, along with Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for chemicals and substances used, upon separate request.
- 3) Livonia Print ensures traceability for each book, from material supplier to our customer.

Customer responsibilities:

- 1) Before placing book on the market, Livonia Prints customer (i.e. manufacturer) must conduct an **internal risk analysis** and prepare **technical documentation** containing at least a general description of the product and its essential characteristics relevant for assessing its safety according to Article 9 (2) of the GPSR. Documentation should be kept for 10 years after the book has been placed on the market.
- 2) The customer is responsible for placing their **name**, postal and electronic **address** where they can be contacted in compliance with Article 9 (6) of the GPSR.
- 3) The customer must ensure that their products bear easily visible **type, batch or serial number** or other element that allows for product identification as required by Article 9 (5) of the GPSR.
Since ISBN alone does not provide full traceability, it should be supplemented with a batch number, edition number or other similar identifier, that can be linked to the specific manufacturing date.
- 4) The customer must ensure, that all required information for the book is included in the PDF file submitted to the printing house.

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