



Requirements for Disposable Sanitary Products such as Diapers Wet Wipes and Tissue Paper of China

China's regulation on disposable sanitary products has been strengthened gradually as the market in China is on rapid increase in recent years. There are two standards regulating the disposable sanitary products in China:

- GB15979—2002 *Hygienic Standard for Disposable Sanitary Products*
- GB20810—2006 *Bathroom Tissue (including Bathroom Tissue Base Paper)*



General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) has always been giving a priority to inspection and supervision of the imported merchandise since disposable sanitary products were listed in the catalogue of legal inspection in 2006. AQSIQ requires inspection and quarantine authorities at all levels conduct inspection on imported disposable sanitary products for human bodies in strict accordance with our national standards by issuing documents such as *Notification on Legal Inspection & Supervision on Disposable Sanitary Products* and *Notification on Strengthening Legal Inspection & Supervision of Imported Disposable Sanitary Products* by AQSIQ in the end of 2005 and in the beginning of 2013 successively.

As required by notifications of 2013, all imported disposable sanitary products shall conform to the two standards as the forgoing, among which HS codes and corresponding standards of products under regulation are specified (refer to Table 1 for details).

Table 1 Type and Corresponding Standard of Products under Regulation

HS Code	Product Type	Testing Standard
4818200000	A small roll (piece) of paper handkerchief(s) (with its width ≤36cm, in roll, rectangle or other special shape)	GB15979—2002 <i>Hygienic Standard for Disposable Sanitary Products</i>
4818300000	A small roll (piece) of paper table cloth(s) or napkin(s) (with its width ≤36cm, in roll, rectangle or other special shape)	
4818500000	Paper clothing and its accessories (made of pulp, paper, cellulose wadding and cellulose fiber webs)	
4818900000	Paper sheets and similar products for family, hygiene and hospital (made of pulp, paper, cellulose wadding and cellulose fiber webs)	
9619001000	Pull-up baby diapers, diapers/nappies	
9619002000	Sanitary napkins (panty liners) and tampons	
9619009000	Diaper padding and similar products under the category	
4803000000	Bathroom tissue, facial tissue, napkins and similar paper (with its width ≤36cm in piece or roll, or length of one side >36cm and that of the other >15cm in rectangle)	GB20810—2006 <i>Bathroom Tissue (including Bathroom Tissue Base Paper)</i>
4818100000	A small roll (piece) of bathroom tissue paper (with its width ≤36cm, in roll, rectangle or other special shape)	
/	Imported intermediate products under the above codes (exclusive of bathroom tissue and its base paper)	GB15979—2002 <i>Hygienic Standard for Disposable Sanitary Products</i>

All disposable sanitary products imported into China can pass the customs provided they conform to the following requirements according to the notifications:

1. The party for inspection shall provide test reports issued by testing companies with CNAS qualification;
2. Chinese identification shall be specified on the products;
3. All disposable sanitary products, with damaged package, bad hygiene status, or beyond their expiry date, or mix with waste and old products, etc. shall be returned or destroyed.

Products not complying with the requirements shall be returned or destroyed. According to data on quality of imported disposable sanitary products of China in 2013, the percentage of rejects for the annual survey is 8.6%, for weight 8.78%, for goods value 11.8%. The reasons for such failure include: excessive microorganism, unqualified packaging, quality falling short of standards and failure to provide Toxicology Test Report.

C&K Testing hereby reminds enterprises who want to import such products into China that obtaining test reports prior to products shipment may not only accelerate the products to pass the customs, but also prevent the tremendous economic loss caused by failure in completing the procedure due to non-compliance of products.

C&K Testing, equipped with compliance lab for disposable sanitary products, can provide your products with reasonable testing plans.

Microorganism	Total bacteria colonies/ Bioburden
	Coliform group
	Pathogenic pyogenic bacteria: staphylococcus aureus, streptococcus hemolyticus
	Total fungi colonies
Toxicology	Dermal irritation test
	Vaginal mucosa irritation test
	Dermal allergic reaction test

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