User Guide

Shipping electronic/electrical products, components or appliances, subject to Mexican Official Standard certifications, to LEGO in Mexico.

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# User Guide Coverage

## Purpose

The purpose of this user guide is to clarify the information and documents needed for customs clearance when shipping electronic/electrical products, components or appliances, subject to Mexican Official Standard certifications, to LEGO in Mexico.

## Scope

The scope of this user guide is referred, but not limited to, electronic/electrical products, components or appliances, subject to Mexican Official Standard certifications, usually (but not always) contained under Chapters 80 and up, of the HS, shipped to LEGO in Mexico, for example:

* Video cameras
* Computers or their equivalent
* Webcams
* Visual Projectors
* Speakers
* Televisions (TV)
* Monitors
* Sound and/or vision amplifiers.
* Professional electronic equipment (cameras, video cameras).
* Ceiling luminaire
* Lamps
* Electronic equipment and/or systems that use for their power supply electrical energy from public networks and other energy sources such as batteries or accumulators.
* Equipment that connects or interconnects through wired access to a public telecommunications network.

Chances are, if the commodity is subject to any kind of Standard in its origin market, it may be subject to the same in Mexico

This user guide applies for shipments to LEGO Group entities in Mexico.

# Terms and Abbreviations

**LCE:** Foreign Trade Law (Ley de Comercio Exterior in Spanish Language).

**NOM or NOMs:** Official Mexican Standards(NOM in Spanish Language)

**HS Code:** Harmonized Code, a multipurpose international product nomenclature developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO), used to classify foreign trade goods for customs purposes.([World Customs Organization (wcoomd.org)](https://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/nomenclature/instrument-and-tools/hs-nomenclature-2022-edition/hs-nomenclature-2022-edition.aspx)

# Electronic/electrical products, components or appliances -Context

According to Article 4, Section III, Article 5, Section III, and Article 26 of the LCE, the foreign trade goods that must comply with a NOM, prior to their import, are defined by their HS codes.

The NOMs (Normas Oficiales Mexicanas) are standards issued by various Mexican organizations in the health, environmental, industrial, safety and commercial sectors to guarantee the quality and safety of products and processes that reduce risks to consumers. Therefore, the list of goods that must comply with a NOM is extensive. The most common (but not the only ones) are the electronic/electrical products, components or appliances.

# Types of NOMs

* **Labelling**: To inform and protect the final consumer, the product or item must have a label with the commercial/technical/security/health o hazards information. This information can vary depending on the type of item.

As a rule, for these items, at the time of import, the label must be affixed, glued, sewn, or hung on the product in such a way that it cannot be removed from the product.

For example:

NOM-050-SCFI-2004: General Commercial Information Product Labeling.

* **Testing and security**: To certify that these items or products pose no threat or danger to final consumers, animal life or environment, they must comply with multiple standard tests that must be run upon them, before they are commercially released, to ensure they are safe. For this purpose, these items must be tested by an approved laboratory. Hence, the purpose of testing is to demonstrate that a product or item conforms to the standard which governs it.

For example:

NOM-001-SCFI-2018

NOM-019-SCFI-1998

# Pre import NOM compliance in Mexico

1. Product certification in Mexico

To be able to freely import these items into Mexico, a primary procedure must be fulfilled; this involves sending 2-3 samples of the item to an approved laboratory for testing.

The process can take more than 4 months. If tests result ok, and a conformity certificate is issued, then formal import of the commodity can initiate. The samples will most likely become unusable post-testing.

1. Certification equivalence

In some cases, having a Standard certification in a foreign country can be used as a compliance method in Mexico (See Tips and Tricks).

# Information Required.

So, in any case, whether if an item is to be tested for conformity, or if it’s exempt from NOM compliance, it is necessary to have:

* Technical catalogues
* Photos
* Technical Data Sheet.
* If available, a Standard Certificate issued by the appropriate authority/entity in the place of origin of the goods.
* Any other technical data, formally issued by the producer/seller, to clearly prove to the customs authority that the item is exempt from NOM compliance.

**Note: Once you send us the information above, one member of our team will contact you. Consider that there are a lot of NOMS, one item or product can be subject of compliance with more than 1 NOMs to be imported into Mexico. Therefore, additional information may be needed.**

**Furthermore, you can’t ship until you receive the approval from our import department, which will happen once we have reviewed the case and determined an appropriate course of action. Therefore, it’s very important to have all the documents and information in advance, so as not to delay the departure of the shipment.** **If your shipment doesn’t have preview approvement from us, then it takes the risk of being returned or abandoned and would be charge it to the supplier account.**

**The information requested above is the information that the Mexican authority requires from us in order to obtain the permit. Once the information has been sent to the authority, it takes approximately more than 4 months to receive a response. The response can be in our favour (accepted) or not (rejected). If it is rejected, the process starts again from the beginning.**

# Tips & Tricks

* If you are certified to ANSI/UL 60950-1 Second Edition Information Technology Equipment-Safety-Part 1: General Requirements (Ed. 2 Mar 27 2007), approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and/or CAN/CSA-C22.2 Standard No. 60950-1-07 Second Edition Information Technology Equipment-Safety-Part 1: General Requirements (Bi-National Standard with UL 60950-1), approved by the Standards Council of Canada, which allows such equipment to be commercialized in the United States of America and Canada, and issued by the organizations listed below, please send the certificates to us. There are some NOMs that accept these certificates as "equivalent" certificates.

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| **United States of America** | **Canada** |
| **ANSI/UL 60950-1 Second Edition Information** **Technology Equipment-Safety-Part 1: General** **Requirements (Ed. 2 Mar 27, 2007)** | **CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1-07 Second Edition** **Information Technology Equipment-Safety-Part** **1: General Requirements (Bi-National standard** **with UL 60950-1)** |
| Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc. | Canadian Standards Association also known as CSA International |
| TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. | Intertek Testing Services NA, Ltd. |
| Underwriters Laboratories, Inc | Underwriters Laboratories of Canada |

* Identification data such as model, brand, and part number declared on the "Equivalent Certificates" must match the information on the product or item you are shipping.
* Find in Appendix A an example of equivalent certificates.

Appendix

1. Example of Equivalent Certificate.



