**Guidance for Importing Prams and Pushchairs**

The British Standards for wheeled child conveyances includes prams and pushchairs, which can also be described as ‘strollers’ and ‘buggies’. The following guidance does not include toys, baby carriers or vehicles designed for children with special needs.

**Labelling - Prams and pushchairs shall be legibly, visibly, and permanently marked with at least the following:**

* Name or trademark of the manufacturer, importer or the organisation responsible for its sale. Where a vehicle can be sold in separate parts such as chassis and/or pram body and/or seat unit, each part shall be marked.
* Means to identify the model. Where a vehicle can be sold in separate parts such as chassis and/or pram body and/or seat unit, each part shall be marked.
* Number and year of the relevant British Standard e.g. *BS EN 1888-1:2018 + A1-2022 and/or* *BS EN 1888-2:2018 + A1-2022* (From 15Kgs – 22Kgs)
* “WARNING – Never leave the child unattended”. This warning shall be visible when using the product.
* Pram bodies having an internal length greater than 800m, as defined in Clause 8.1.2.2 of the Standard, shall have a label stating “WARNING use a harness as soon as your child can sit unaided”
* Vehicles not suitable for children under 6 months, as defined in Clause 8.1.1.1.1 of the Standard, shall be labelled “WARNING This seat unit is not suitable for children under 6 months”
* Pushchairs shall be marked with the following, “WARNING Always use the restraint system”
* Pram bodies shall have an indication of the maximum height of the mattress, to ensure compliance with the minimum internal height requirements (*Clause 8.1.2.1*) unless a mattress is provided. In that case the manufacturer shall clearly indicate that no additional mattresses shall be added.
* The maximum weight of each child the vehicle is intended for shall be indicate using the following pictogram: (size and format of pictograms specified in *BS EN 1888-1:2018 + A1-2022)*



* Note – Prams and pushchairs being imported into GB must **NOT** be marked with either the CE or the UKCA mark as there no UK regulations under which these marks can be applied

**Instructions**

Instructions concerning safe use of the vehicle shall be provided in the form of an instruction sheet, manual or leaflet or other similar physical support. These instructions shall include at the least the following and shall be headed as follows.

“IMPORTANT – READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE”

* “WARNING Never leave the child unattended”
* “WARNING Ensure that all the locking devices are engaged before use”
* “WARNING To avoid injury ensure your child is kept away when unfolding and folding this product”
* “WARNING Do not let your child play with this product”
* “WARNING Use a harness as soon as you child can sit unaided” (for Pram bodies greater than 800mm)
* “WARNING Check the pram body or seat unit or car seat attachment devices are correctly engaged before use”
* “WARNING This product is not suitable for running or skating”
* “WARNING Always use the restraint system” (if applicable to product)
* “WARNING This seat unit is not suitable for children under 6 months” (if applicable to product)

The full list of required warnings, along with additional requirements for the instructions, can be found in the relevant British Standards for Child care articles- Wheeled child conveyances.

**Compliance Documentation**

As an importer of child care articles, you have a legal duty as the Producer under the *General Product Safety Regulations 2005*, to ensure that the products you supply are safe. This can be done by making sure the manufacturer has taken measures to ensure their prams or pushchairs are safe. They should draw up a technical file which includes documents such as risk assessments and test reports.

You should request and thoroughly check these documents before you purchase the goods, so you can provide them on request to Market Surveillance Authorities.

* The producer/manufacturer can demonstrate their products are safe by ensuring their products have been assessed against a voluntary national designated standard. This can include submitting the prams or pushchairs to a third-party test house. Test reports should include detail of all relevant tests, and the standards applied to ensure the prams or pushchairs are safe.
* In GB, the relevant safety standards for these products are:
* BS EN 1888-1:2018 + A1-2022 Child care articles. Wheeled child conveyances. Pushchairs and prams
* BS EN 1888-2:2018 + A1-2022 Child care articles. Wheeled child conveyances. Pushchairs for children above 15kg up to 22kg
* BS EN 1888-3:2024 Child care articles. Wheeled child conveyances. Pushchairs intended for leisure sport activities

**When you import goods into the UK, they may be subject to product safety checks at the border. In this instance you will be requested to provide the documents detailed below:**

* A copy of a relevant test report to demonstrate how the product was tested and the results of those tests
* Authorities may also request copies of a detailed packing list which should show the quantity of each item including number of pieces and cartons. Also, any marks or numbers which will enable each carton to be identified and located
* This information must be supplied in English

**When sourcing your products, you should:**

* Buy from a reputable supplier and always obtain an invoice
* Make sure the product/packaging is marked with the name and address of the manufacturer
* Ask to see proof that the product is safe (a test certificate and report)

**The UK government provides further guidance on** [**Placing manufactured products on the market in Great Britain - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain)