

Pre- and Post-Evaluations: Long-Term Product Storage

Risk-Based Preventive Controls

Prevent and minimize damages to products and packaging after prolonged storage duration. Our pre- and post-evaluation solutions will ensure that you maintain the quality of your products while in storage before it is shipped out to the end-consumer.



Background & challenge

Due to the current stay at home orders and restrictions, many companies have announced they are temporarily shutting down their retail locations. This has caused delays in their scheduled product shipments which has led manufacturers to store the finished products in their warehouses, or retailers needing to store the product in their distribution centers for longer than anticipated.

The potential risks caused by long-term storage are:

- Mold and rust development from environmental conditions
- Dust accumulation
- Pest infestation
- Disorganization and improper stacking
- Water damage from leaking or damp environment

The Intertek advantage

Intertek's quality assurance and inspection experts can conduct pre- and post-evaluations of warehouse and manufacturing environments to facilitate safe long-term storage, minimize the potential risk and loss, and assess the products before they are shipped.

Our solutions

Pre-Evaluation:

Using the principles of ISO9001, we can customize quality standards for specific consumer products. Our product oriented factory evaluation services include:

- Onsite assessment of the warehouse environment and surroundings to ensure it is set up properly for long-term storage
- Review the condition of current products and packaging in storage
- Review of current policies, procedures and records
- Manage the Corrective Action process with the facility to ensure improvements are made and implemented
- Provide continuous monitoring services (at intervals to be agreed upon) to verify the storage conditions until products are ready to ship

Post-Evaluation:

We can conduct warehouse risk assessments to detect potential product damage that may have occurred/will occur due to long term-storage before it shipped out.

Our services include:

- Assessment of the warehouse environment
- Examine product storage processes (i.e., inventory, packaging, pallets, etc.)

- Perform product and packaging quality checks (i.e., product function, workmanship, sampling if required, adhesion of product label, etc.)
- Issue inspection report of findings and work with manufacturer on a corrective plan if needed

Intertek's quality assurance experts work diligently to help manage quality concerns and to protect our customers' brands.

Total Quality. Assured.

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