

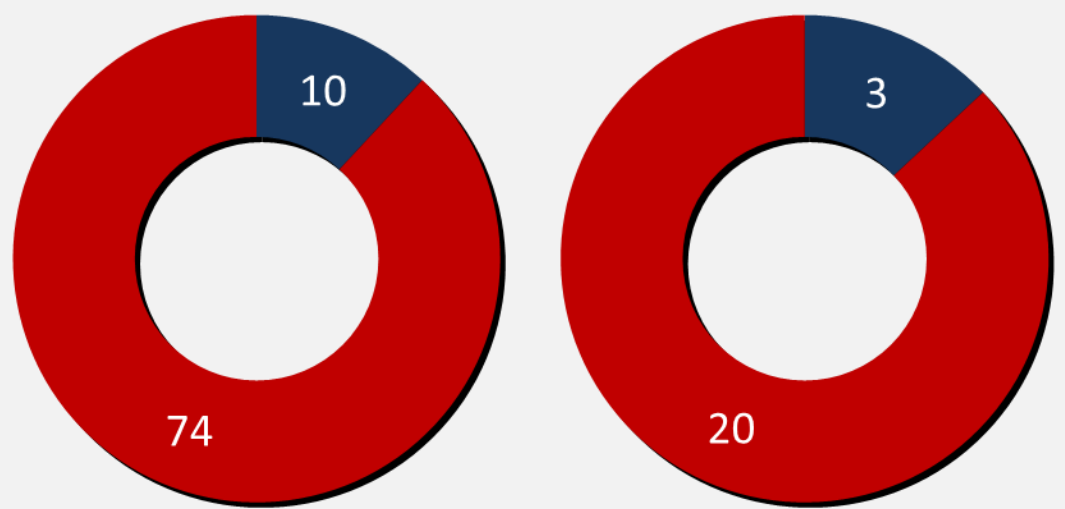
# Joint Action 2016

## Child Care Articles activity

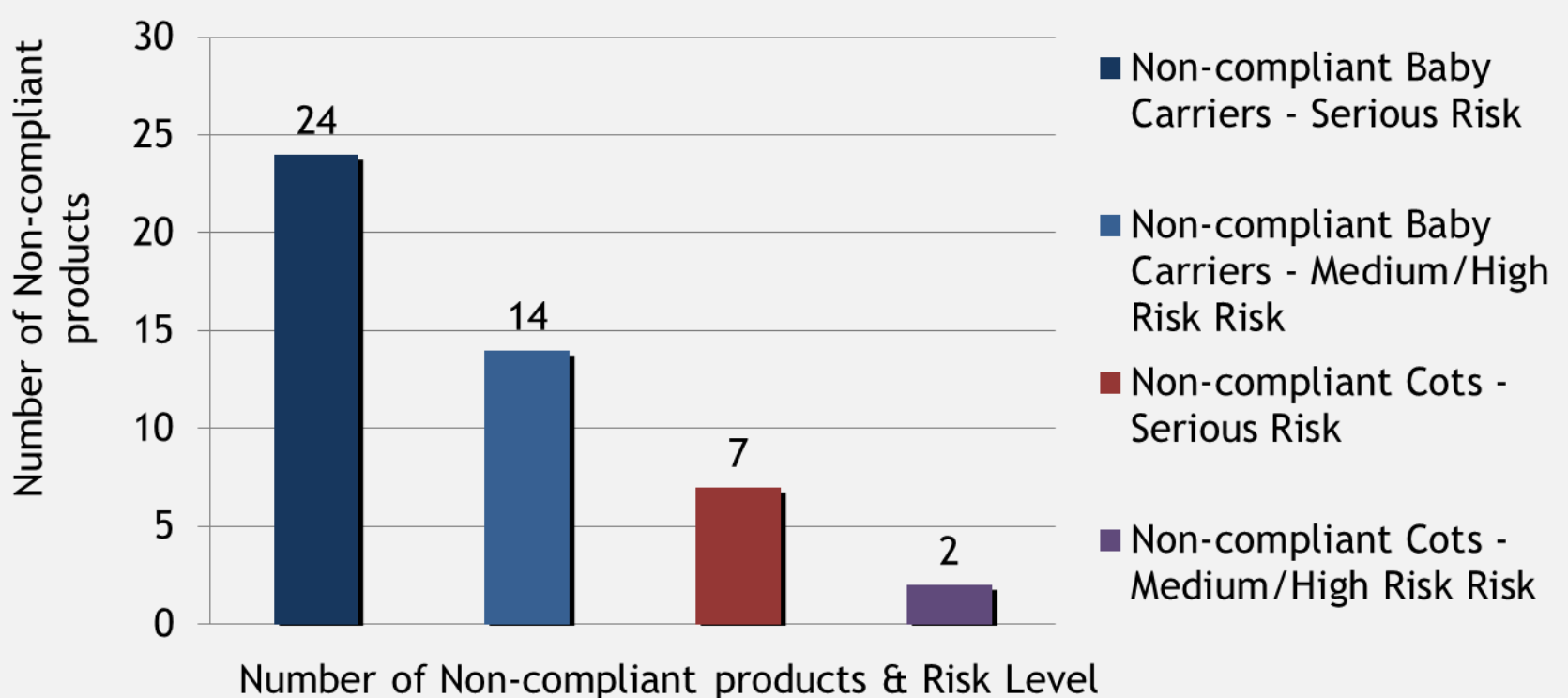
The Child Care Articles (CCA) activity focused on baby carriers and cots. The Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) sampled **107 products** and sent them for testing – **84 Baby Carriers** and **23 Cots**.

Test results revealed that in total **94 out of 107** products were **non-compliant** with the relevant European Union (EU) safety standards and legislation. Following test results, the participating MSAs assessed the risk presented by all the identified non-compliant products. In total, **31 products** pose a **serious risk to the consumer**.

■ Baby Carriers Compliant      ■ Cots Compliant  
■ Baby Carriers NON Compliant      ■ Cots NON Compliant

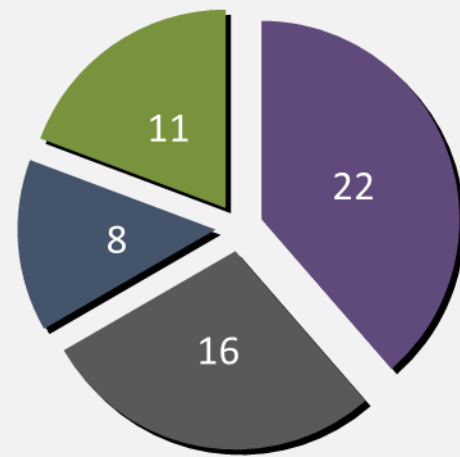


### Non-compliant products after testing & their Risk level



### Origin of models sampled & tested - Top countries

■ People's Republic of China  
■ UNKNOWN  
■ France  
■ Poland



## CONSUMER ADVICE

### FOR BABY CARRIERS:

- ❖ Ensure baby is secure in the carrier, in an upright position with their spine supported, where the parent/carer can see baby's face, baby's airway must be kept clear (their chin must not rest on their chest, baby's mouth and nose must not be covered parent's skin/clothing/fabric of carrier).
- ❖ Strong recommendation to seek advice from a health professional before using a baby carrier for a low birthweight baby or baby with any sort of medical condition/s.
- ❖ The maximum weight of the child that the carrier is intended for should be adhered to.
- ❖ Carriers are not suitable for use when the parent/carer is undertaking sporting activities or similar.

### FOR COTS:

- ❖ Mattresses should be firm, flat (i.e. horizontal) and fit closely/tightly into the cot.
- ❖ Products such as baby nests, duvets, pillows, loose bedding toys and padded cot bumpers that can place soft padding close to the baby's face should be avoided as they can present suffocation and overheating hazards.
- ❖ Cots should be positioned away from direct sunshine, radiators, windows/blinds, heaters, lamps, wall decorations, power cords (all pose overheating/suffocation/strangulation risks), and any furniture that can be used to climb out of the cot.
- ❖ Products, such as wedges or straps, that will keep your baby in one sleeping position should not be used.

### Enforcement actions taken by the MSAs against Non-compliant Baby Carriers and Cots

