

## Chapter 4

# CHINA

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## Introduction

China has undergone a period of rapid economic development in the past 20 years, during which it has also experienced growth in international trade. In recent years, there has been increasing product liability litigation experienced by various industries, including vehicles, electric appliance, toys, and consumer products.

As a result, the Chinese government and individual companies are paying greater attention to the importance of product liability and product quality, to clarify the product liabilities, to protect the legitimate rights and interests of consumers and to safeguard the social and economic order. A regulated system of product liability and product quality has been developed in China and is part of the current law. As product liability law is a new development, the Chinese law is still subject to further development and improvements.

## Theories of liability/sources of law

The laws and regulations that comprise the product liability system in China include *General Principles of the Civil Law of the People's Republic of China* (GPCL), *Product Quality Law of the People's Republic of China* (PQL), and *Law of the People's Republic of China on Protection of Consumer Rights and Interests* (PCRI). Judicial interpretations concerning product liability related issues include *Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court of Issues concerning the Application of Law for the Trial of Cases on Compensation for Personal Injury* (*Interpretation for Personal Injury Compensation*), *Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court on Issues regarding the Ascertainment of Compensation Liability for Emotional Damages in Civil Torts* (*Interpretation for Emotional Damages Compensation*) and *Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court on*

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