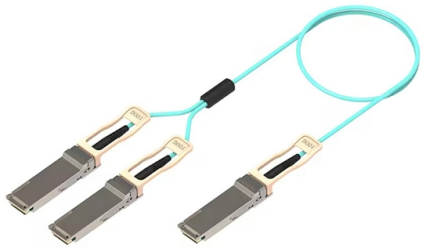
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Key Takeaways

Cable trays are generally subject to mandatory certification to ensure safety, performance, and compliance with national and international standards.International Standards

Cable trays must comply with IEC 61537, which is the internationally recognized standard for metal cable tray systems. This standard specifies requirements for mechanical strength, electrical continuity, corrosion resistance, fire resistance, and load capacity to ensure safe and reliable installations in industrial, commercial, and utility environments (Web results). Compliance with IEC 61537 is often required for manufacturers to legally supply cable trays in most international markets.

Regional and National Certifications
• Europe: Cable trays must meet EN 61537 and may require CE marking, which is a self-declared certification of compliance with European directives. Authorities can request CE certification reports or take samples for verification (Web results).

• United States: Compliance with NEMA VE 1 and UL 568 standards is required. These standards cover construction, testing, installation, and performance of metal and nonmetallic cable trays according to the National Electrical Code (NEC) (Web results).

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• Canada: Cable trays must follow CSA C22.2 No. 126.1 and CSA Z462 for electrical safety and grounding (Web results).

• Other regions: Countries like China, India, Australia, and the Middle East have their own standards (e.g., GB/T 34394, IS 8623, AS/NZS 3013) that define material properties, fire resistance, and installation requirements (Web results).
Certification Process

Manufacturers are required to provide test certificates or declarations of conformity demonstrating compliance with the relevant standards. These certifications are often issued by third-party testing organizations such as UL, IMQ, LCIE, or national standard bodies. The certification process typically includes:

• Mechanical load testing

• Electrical continuity and grounding verification

• Corrosion and environmental resistance testing

• Fire resistance evaluation Authorities may audit manufacturers or request documentation to ensure ongoing compliance (Web results).
Conclusion

Yes, cable trays are subject to mandatory certification in most countries to ensure safety, durability, and regulatory compliance. Compliance with international standards like IEC 61537 and regional certifications such as CE, UL, NEMA, or CSA is essential for legal supply, installation, and safe operation of cable management systems. Manufacturers and installers must verify that trays meet the applicable standards and maintain proper documentation for inspection.

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