

Toy News

## Safety of Toys-

## Recent up-dates

**EN 71-1 2011 +A3 2014** Physical and Mechanical published and referenced in the OJ Previous standard ceases to give a presumption of conformity at the end of September 2014.

**EN 71-2 2011 + A1 2014** Flammability. An exemption is now given regarding the use of highly flammable liquids contained in olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games. A clarification is also given for the test method for soft filled toys.

**EN 71-7 2014** Finger Paints. This is the first finger paint standard to be harmonised under the new Toy Directive.

**EN 71-13 2014** Olfactory Board Games, Cosmetic Kits and Gustative Games. This standard is new and therefore it is the first one to be published as a harmonised standard.

**Bisphenol A** is now included in Appendix C of Annex II the Toy Directive, due to Commission Directive 2014/81/EU. The requirements are for toys for under 3's and other toys intended to be placed in the mouth and the limit is 0.1 mg/l migration (in accordance with the methods laid down in EN 71-10 and EN 71-11).

**TCEP**, **TCPP** and **TDCP** is now included in Appendix C of Annex II of the Toy Directive, due to Commisison Directive 2014/79/EU. The requirements are also for toys for under 3's and other toys intended to be placed in the mouth and the limit is 5 mg/kg content (this limit refers to a detection level of a 'sufficiently sensitive analytic method' and is not a toxicological approach).

The provisions of both of these directives shall be applied as from 21 December 2015.



In addition, Commission Directive 2014/84/EU amends Appendix A of Annex II of the Toy Directive to enlarge the allowance for the use of Nickel from current limited to those toys and toy components made of stainless steel; to now additionally include toy components which are intended to conduct an electric current.

## On the horizon for later in 2014

Various pieces of legislation, standards or guidance that are currently in draft form

**EN 71-3 2013 + A1** Migration of Certain Elements. An amendment is under consideration relating to the pH control/adjustment within the test method.

Also in discussion at the moment is a change to the limits for lead. The final limits have not been agreed yet, however, the direction is to make them stricter than they are in the current standard.

**EN 71-14** Trampolines for Domestic Use; This is a new standard that is still currently being agreed upon by the standards and experts committees. It is still hoped to be published within 2014.

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