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Toy Safety Standard EN 71-3:2019+A2:2024

On 4 December 2024, the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) published the updated toy safety standard, EN 71-3:2019+A2:2024, Safety of Toys – Part 3: Migration of Certain Elements. **This standard is scheduled to take effect in June 2025**, replacing the current version, EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021.

Compared to the old version, the main updates include:

- Removing the de-waxing procedure from products containing grease, oil, wax or similar materials, due to the finding that the de-waxing step affects the reproducibility of test results.
- Allowing the total migrated chromium (Cr) result to be used to presume the compliance of both Cr(III) and (Cr(VI) limits.
- Allowing the total migrated tin (Sn) result to be used to presume the compliance of the organic tin limit.
- Emphasizing that composite testing is a modification to the test method (i.e., composite testing has not been validated in EN 71-3:2019+A2:2024 and may lead to deviating results when applied).
- Citing CEN/TS 17973:2023 as the categorization method of slime-type materials.

In addition, the CEN also published another EN 71 series standards for toys:

- EN 71-13:2021+A2:2024 Safety of toys Part 13: Olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games.
- EN 71-18:2024 Safety of toys Part 18: Phenol in aqueous (content) and polymeric (migration) toy materials.
- EN 71-19:2024 Safety of toys Part 19: Migration of bisphenol A from toy materials.

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