

Australia publishes “Consumer Goods (Toys Containing Magnets) Safety Standard 2020”

This new standard, published by the Australian Government in the “Federal Register of Legislation”, repeals the previous 2010 edition¹ as from 2020-08-28, with a transitional period of 12 months.

During the transitional period, both the 2010 and this newly published 2020 edition can be used as standard for compliance.

After the transitional period, this new 2020 edition must be followed.

¹ Consumer Product Safety Standard for Children’s Toys Containing Magnets (Consumer Protection Notice No. 5 of 2010)

Details of Requirements:

A magnetic toy must comply with one of the following sections in this “Consumer Goods (Toys Containing Magnets) Safety Standard 2020”:

Section	Technical standards referred		Key clauses for compliance
9	Australian/New Zealand Standard	AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2019 Safety of toys Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties	4.1*, 4.31*
10	European Standard	EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018: Safety of toys - Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties	4.23
11	International Standard	ISO 8124-1:2018 Safety of toys — Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties	4.1*, 4.31*
12	US Standard	ASTM F963 - 17 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety	4.38, 8.5*, 8.9*

* modified as described in the “Consumer Goods (Toys Containing Magnets) Safety Standard 2020”. Other supportive clauses may also be modified, so the main standard must be read in detail.

Effective Date:

2021-08-28 (1 year transitional period from 2020-08-28)

References:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01074>

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