Japan Has Amended the Implementation of the ST Standard for Toys

On 6 November 2026, there was an official notice issued by **The Japan Toy Association (JTA; 日本玩具協会)** regarding updates to the implementation of the ST standard for **slime and squishy toys** submitted under the ST Mark Scheme.

The notice was prompted by a safety investigation report released on 16 September 2026 by the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS), which tested tactile toys (**slime and squishy toys**) and found that several products failed to meet safety standards.



Changes

A. Slime (Revised Requirements)

1. Boron Migration Limits

Slime products must comply with the "boron" migration limits specified in either of the following standards.

Standard	Requirements
ISO 8124-3:2023	(Limit for Slime): **1,250 mg/kg**
EN 71-3:2019+A2:2024	(Limit for Category II: Liquid or sticky materials): **300 mg/kg**

* Applicants must submit a test report issued by a **third-party testing institution** as proof of compliance.

2. Boric Acid Guidance

When **boric acid** is present in slime, JTA considers that the target amount of boric acid per product should be approximately **1 gram**.

B. Squishy Toys (Interim Measures)

Application Review: For newly submitted applications for squishy toys, compliance with international chemical safety standards may be verified on an interim basis.

Documentation: Applicants may be asked to submit a test report from a **third-party testing institution** along with a Japanese translation of the report.

Reference Standards (Examples):

- **Europe:** EU Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC, EN 71 series (e.g., EN 71-3), EU REACH (EC) No 1907/2006
- **South Korea:** Safety standards for children's products subject to confirmation (Annex 6 "Toys").
- **China:** GB standards (applicable chemical safety standards).
- **Individual Judgment:** Each product will be assessed by the JTA Assessment Committee.

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Reference

https://toys.or.jp/st/pdf/stunyo.pdf

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