

New Standards Applicable to Hong Kong Toys and Children's Products

On 15 January 2016, the *Hong Kong Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2016* which specified the new updates of standards applicable to toys and children's products selling in Hong Kong was published on the *Hong Kong Gazette*. The new and applicable standards shall be effective on 1 October 2016.

Manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and retailers are required to ensure toys comply with all applicable requirements contained in any one of safety standards in *Schedule 1* and the listed children's products on *Schedule 2* comply with any one of the applicable standards before putting the products in the Hong Kong market.

Applicable toy safety standards are specified in the amendment to *Schedule 1* (newly added standards are highlighted and standard version updated is shown in *italics*):

Schedule I	Toy Safety Standard	
International Standard	ISO 8124-1:2014	Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties
	ISO 8124-2:2014	Flammability
	ISO 8124-3:2014 (incorporating Amendment 1:2014)	Migration of certain elements
	ISO 8124-4:2014	Swings, slides and similar activity toys for indoor and outdoor family domestic use
	<i>ISO 8124-5:2015</i>	<i>Determination of total concentration of certain elements</i>
	IEC 62115 Edition 1.2	Electric Toys safety
European Standard	<i>BS EN 71-1:2014</i>	<i>Mechanical and physical properties</i>
	BS EN 71-2:2011 + A1:2014	Flammability
	<i>BS EN 71-3:2013 + A1 2014</i>	<i>Migration of certain elements</i>
	BS EN 71-4:2013	Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities
	BS EN 71-5:2013	Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets
	BS EN 71-7:2014	Finger paint – Requirements and test methods
	BS EN 71-8:2011	Activity toys for domestic use
	BS EN 71-12:2013	N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances
	<i>BS EN71-14 :2014</i>	<i>Trampolines for domestic use</i>
American Standard	ASTM F963-11	Standard consumer safety specification for toy safety

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Applicable Children's Product safety standards are specified in the amendment to *Schedule 2* (new standards which are applicable to specific children's product are highlighted):

Item	Children's products	Standards
1	Babies' dummies	America ASTM F963-11
		Australian AS 2432:2015
		European BS EN1400:2013+A1:2014
2	Baby walking frames	America ASTM F977-12
		European BS EN1273:2005
3	Bottle teats	European BS EN14350-1:2004 & -2:2004
4	Bunk beds for domestic use	America ASTM F1427-13
		Joint Australian & New Zealand AS&NZS 4220:2010
		European BS EN747-1:2012 & -2:2012
		International ISO 9098-1:1994 & -2:1994
5	Carry cots and similar handled products and stands	European BS EN1466:2014
6	Child safety barriers for domestic use	America ASTM F1004-13
		European BS EN 1930:2011
7	Children's cots for domestic use	America ASTM F1169-13
		European BS EN716-1:2008+A1:2013 & BS EN716-2:2008+A1:2013
		International ISO 7175-1:1997 & -2:1997
8	Children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use	America ASTM F404 -14a
		European BS EN14988-1:2006+A1:2012 & BS EN14988-2:2006+A1:2012
		International ISO 9221-1:1992 & -2:1992
9	Children's paints	America ASTM F963-11
		Joint Australian/New Zealand AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2012
		European BS EN71-3:2013+A1:2014
		International ISO 8124-3:2010 (incorporating Amendment 1: 2014)
10	Children's safety harnesses	European BS EN13210:2004
11	Playpens for domestic use	America ASTM F406-13
		European BS EN12227:2010
12	Wheeled child conveyances	America ASTM F833-13b
		Joint Australian/New Zealand AS/NZS 2088:2013
		European BS EN1888:2012

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