

Proposed Updates to Safety Standards for Toys and Children’s Products

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“the Government”) intends to update Schedules 1 and 2 to the Toys and Children’s Products Safety Ordinance (Cap. 424) (“the Ordinance”) to implement up-to-date safety standards promulgated by the relevant standards institutions for toys and children’s products listed in Schedule 2 to the Ordinance (“Schedule 2 products”).

The Ordinance stipulates that a person must not manufacture, import or supply a toy or a Schedule 2 product unless it complies with all the applicable requirements contained in any one of the safety standards (international standards or standards adopted by major economies) respectively specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Ordinance. The Government keeps in view any changes to the standards so as to apply up-to-date and operative versions of the standards to products supplied in Hong Kong.

It has come to the Government’s attention that, as at the end of August 2021, the following specified standards for toys and for six classes of Schedule 2 products have been updated/amended –

I. Toy Standards –

- (a) the existing part of the International Standard “ISO 8124-1:2018” has been amended to “ISO 8124-1:2018 (incorporating Amendment 1:2020 and Amendment 2:2020)”;
- (b) the existing part of the International Standard “ISO 8124-4:2014 (incorporating Amendment 2:2019)” has been amended to “ISO 8124-4:2014 (incorporating Amendment 1:2017 and Amendment 2:2019)”;
- (c) the existing part of the International Standard “ISO 8124-7:2015” has been amended to “ISO 8124-7:2015 (incorporating Amendment 1:2020)”;
- (d) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 71-2:2011 + A1:2014” has been updated to “BS EN 71-2:2020”;
- (e) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 71-3:2019” has been amended to “BS EN 71-3:2019 + A1:2021”;

- (f) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 71-4:2013” has been updated to “BS EN 71-4:2020”;
- (g) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 71-13:2014” has been updated to “BS EN 71-13:2021”;
- (h) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 62115:2005 + A12:2015” has been updated to “BS EN IEC 62115:2020 + A11:2020”;

II. Schedule 2 Product Standards –

- (a) the existing European Standard “BS EN 1273:2005” for baby walking frames has been updated to “BS EN 1273:2020”;
- (b) the existing European Standard “BS EN 14350-1:2004” and “BS EN 14350-2:2004” for bottle teats has been updated to “BS EN 14350:2020”;
- (c) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F1427-19” for bunk beds for domestic use has been updated to “ASTM F1427-21”;
- (d) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F404-18a” for children’s high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use has been updated to “ASTM F404-20”;
- (e) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 71-3:2019” for children’s paints has been amended to “BS EN 71-3:2019 + A1:2021”;
- (f) the existing Joint Australian / New Zealand Standard “AS/NZS 8124.3:2012 (incorporating Amendment 1:2016)” for children’s paints has been updated to “AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2021”: and
- (g) the existing part of the European Standard “BS EN 13210:2004” for children’s safety harnesses has been updated to “BS EN 13210-1:2020” and “BS EN 13210-2:2020”.

----- Major changes introduced by the latest standards are summarized
at Annex ^{Note}.

^{Note} The table at Annex is prepared for general information only. Interested parties should refer to the relevant standards for the detailed requirements.

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