

Proposed Updates to Safety Standards for Children’s Products

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Government) intends to update Schedule 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 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 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) specified in Schedule 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 early June 2022, the following specified standards for four classes of Schedule 2 products have been updated or amended –

- (a) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F1427-21” for bunk beds for domestic use has been amended to “ASTM F1427-21e1”;
- (b) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F1004-19” for child safety barriers for domestic use has been updated to “ASTM F1004-21”;
- (c) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F404-20” for children’s high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use has been updated to “ASTM F404-21”; and
- (d) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F833-19” for wheeled child conveyances has been updated to “ASTM F833-21”.

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

If you have any comments on the proposed amendments, please send them to us on or before **31 December 2022** by any of the following means:

^{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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