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HONG KONG AMENDS TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SAFETY ORDINANCE

Hong Kong recently updated the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance by adopting a series of up-to-date operative international standards for children's product safety. The amendments will be effective on 1 April 2010.

On 11 February, 2010, the Hong Kong Government approved the Toys and Children's Products Safety (Amendment) Ordinance 2010 – Ordinance No. 5 of 2010.¹ According to the amendment, a toy should comply with one of three toy safety standards. Electrical toy safety is supplemented by IEC 62115

established by the International Electrotechnical Commission under ISO 8124 toy safety standards or supplemented by BS EN 62115 under European BS EN 71 toy safety standards. Children's products are now required to comply with certain European (BS EN), American (ASTM), Australian (AS), Joint Australian / New Zealand (AS/NZS) or International standards (ISO).

The updated safety standards for toys and designated children's products are specified in the Schedules added by sections 20 and 21 of the Amendment Ordinance. The amendments will be effective on 1 April 2010.² Highlights of the amendment are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1

Item	Children's Product	Standard	Standard Method
1	Babies dummies	ASTM	ASTM F963-08
		Australian	AS 2432:2009
		European	BS EN 1400 Parts 1-3:2002
2	Bottle teats	European	BS EN 14350 Parts 1-2:2004

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¹ [Ordinance No. 5 of 2010, Toys and Children's Products safety \(Amendment\) Ordinance 2010](#), The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette, Toys and Children's Products Safety (Amendment) Ordinance 2010 – Ordinance No. 5 of 2010, [Ordinances Passed and Promulgated, G.N. 783](#), 12 February 2010

² [Updated toys safety standard law to launch](#), Health and Community, news.gov.hk

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Item	Children's Product	Standard	Standard Method
3	Baby walking frames	ASTM	ASTM F977-07
		European	BS EN 1273:2005
4	Bunk beds for domestic use	ASTM	ASTM F1427-07
		Australian / New Zealand	AS/NZS 4220:2003
		European	BS EN 747 Parts 1-2:2007
		International	ISO 9098 Parts 1-2:1994
5	Carrying cots and similar handled products and stands	European	BS EN 1466:2004+A1:2007
6	Child safety barriers for domestic use	ASTM	ASTM F1004-07
		European	BS EN 1930:2000 (incorporating amendment No. 1)
7	Children's cots for domestic use	ASTM	ASTM F1169-07
		European	BS EN 716 Parts 1-2:2008
		International	ISO 7175 Parts 1-2:1007
8	Children's high chairs and multipurpose high chairs for domestic use	ASTM	ASTM F404-08
		European	BS EN 14988 Parts 1-2:2006
		International	ISO 9221 Parts 1-2:1992
9	Children's paints	ASTM	ASTM F963-08
		Australian / New Zealand	AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2003
		European	BS EN 71-3:1995 BS 5665-3:1995 (incorporating amendment No. 1 and Corrigendum No. 1)
		International	ISO 8124.3:1997
10	Children's safety harnesses	European	BS EN 13210:2004
11	Playpens for domestic use	ASTM	ASTM F406-08a
		European	BS EN 12227 Parts 1-2:1999

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Item	Children's Product	Standard	Standard Method
12	Toy	ASTM	ASTM F963-08
		European	BS EN 71-1:2005 + A8:2009
			BS EN 71-2:2006 + A1:2007
			BS EN 71-3:1995 BS 5665-3:1995 (incorporating amendment No. 1 and Corrigendum No. 1)
			BS EN 71-4:1998+A3:2007
			BS EN 71-5:1993 BS 5665-5:1993 (incorporating amendment No. 1)
			BE EN 71-6:995 BS 5665-6:1995
			BS EN 71-7:2002
			BS EN 71-8:2003
			BS EN 62115:2005
		International	ISO 8124-1:2009
			ISO 8124 Parts 2-3:2007
			IEC 62115 Edition 1.1
13	Wheeled child conveyances	ASTM	ASTM F833-08
		Australian / New Zealand	AS/NZS 2088:2000
		European	BS EN 1888:2003

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