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# HONG KONG UPDATES SAFETY STANDARDS FOR TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

Hong Kong recently updated the safety standards for toys and certain children's products to be in line with the latest international requirements. The enforcement date will be 1 October 2015.

In November 2014, Hong Kong sought comments from the public on its intention to adopt the latest safety standards for toys and 8 categories of children's products under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Chapter 424)[1].

On 23 January 2015, the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2015 was published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette to update the safety standards for toys and certain children's products[2]. It is interesting to note that the European Union (EU) has recently retained EN 1400 Parts 1-3:2002 for 'Soothers for Babies and Young Children' for demonstration of compliance under the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD) whereas Hong Kong has adopted the EN 1400:2013+A1:2014 version (Item 2, Table 1)[3]. The new law will be enforced on 1 October 2015.

Highlights of the existing and updated standards for toys and children's products are summarised in Table 1.

[1] SGS-Safeguards 195/14
[2] Press Release, HK Government, 21 January 2015
HK Government Gazette, No. 4 Vol. 19 - Legal Supplement No. 2, 23 January 2015
[3] SGS-Safeguards 018/15

**TABLE 1.**

| ITEM | CHILDREN'S PRODUCT | STANDARD | CURRENT STANDARD | NEW STANDARD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Toys | International | ISO 8124-1:2009/Amd.1:2011/ | ISO 8124-1:2014 |
| | | | ISO 8124-2:2007 | ISO 8124-2:2014 |
| | | | ISO 8124-3:2010 | ISO 8124:2010/Amd.1:2014 |
| | | | ISO 8124-4:2010 | ISO 8124-4:2014 |
| | | British / European | BS EN 71-1:2011 | BS EN 71-1:2011+A3:2014 |
| | | | BS EN 71-2:2011 | BS EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014 |
| | | | BS EN 71-3:1995<br>BS 5665-3:1995+A1 and Corrigendum 1 | BS EN 71-3:2013 |
| | | | BS EN 71-4:2009 | BS EN 71-4:2013 |
| | | | BS EN 71-5:1993+A2:2009<br>BS 5665-5:1993 | BS EN 71-5:2013 |
| | | | BS EN 71-7:2002 | BS EN 71-7:2014 |
| | | | ----- | BS EN 71-12:2013<br>(New requirements for N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances) |
| | | | BS EN 62115:2005+A2:2011 | BS EN 62115:2005+A11:2012 |
| 2 | Babies dummies | British / European | BS EN 1400 Parts 1-3:2002 | BS EN 1400:2013+A1:2014 |
| 3 | Bunk beds for domestic use | American | ASTM F1427-07 | ASTM F1427-13 |
| 4 | Child safety barriers for domestic use | American | ASTM F1004-12 | ASTM F1004-13 |
| 5 | Children's cots for domestic use | British / European | BS EN 716-1:2008 | BS EN 716-1:2008+A1:2013 |
| | | British / European | BS EN 716-2:2008 | BS EN 716-2:2008+A1:2013 |
| | | American | ASTM F1169-11 | ASTM F1169-13 |
| 6 | Children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use | British / European | BS EN 14988-1:2006 | BS EN 14988-1:2006+A1:2012 |
| | | British / European | BS EN 14988-2:2006 | BS EN 14988-2:2006+A1:2012 |
| | | American | ASTM F404-10 | ASTM F404-14 |
| 7 | Children's paints | British / European | BS EN 71-3:1995<br>BS 5665-3:1995+A1 and corrigendum1 | BS EN 71-3:2013 |
| | | International | ISO 8124-3:2010 | ISO 8124-3:2010/Amd.1:2014 |
| 8 | Playpens for domestic use | American | ASTM F406-12a | ASTM F406-13 |
| 9 | Wheeled child conveyances | American | ASTM F833-11 | ASTM F833-13b |
| | | Australian / New Zealand | AS/NZS 2088:2009 | AS/NZS 2088:2013 |

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