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## EU EXPANDS PERMITTED USE OF NICKEL UNDER TOY SAFETY DIRECTIVE

The Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC has recently been amended to include the permitted use of nickel in toy components intended to conduct an electric current. The new law will take effect on 1 July 2015.

In March 2014, we informed you that the EU Commission Committee for Toy Safety voted in favour to expand the permitted use of nickel under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC (TSD)<sup>1</sup>. Nickel is a carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMR) category 2 substance and is allowed to be used in toys and toy components manufactured from stainless steel<sup>2</sup>.

On 1 July 2014, Directive 2014/84/EU was published in the OJEU to permit the use of nickel in toy components which are intended to conduct an electric current<sup>3</sup>. To accommodate the new permitted use of nickel as a CMR 2 substance, Member States must transpose the Directive into their National Laws by 1 July 2015; the date of enforcement of the new law.

Highlights of the new Directive, as well as the current permitted use of nickel as a CMR category 2 substance, are summarised in Table 1.



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<sup>1</sup> [SGS-Safeguard 048/14](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Directive 2009/48/EC](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Directive 2014/84/EU](#)

TABLE 1.

APPENDIX A OF ANNEX II UNDER TOY SAFETY DIRECTIVE 2009/48/EC (TSD)					
ITEM	CITATION	SUBSTANCE (CLASSIFICATION)	SCOPE	PERMITTED USE	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Directive 2009/48/EC	Nickel (CMR 2)	Toys	Toys and toy components made of stainless steel	20 July 2013
2	Directive 2014/84/EU			Toy components which are intended to conduct an electric current	1 July 2015

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