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AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARD EN12221 - CHANGING UNITS FOR DOMESTIC USE

Now available in the library of CEN for standardization bodies in Europe, the amendments to the standard EN 12221 (EN12221-1+ A1: 2013, EN12221-2+ A1:2013) on changing units for domestic use should be published by the member states during autumn 2013.



European National Standard organizations bound to CEN/CENELEC rules have 6 months – until February 2014, to withdraw national conflicting standards.

Some dispositions included by these amendments may have an impact to your products:

■ PRODUCT TYPE

A definition on product type now clearly states: type 1 is intended for children from birth up to 12 months, up to 11kg; and type 2 is intended for children up to 15kg.

■ DIMENSIONS

The amended standard keeps the previous requirement on dimensions, but it gives a clear explanation for measurement.

- The length of the changing area is the intended longitudinal position of the child on the unit.
- The width of the changing area is the measurement perpendicular to the length.

■ INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

All the information including instructions for use, marking and purchase information need to be updated with the relevant information on the age and/or weight range that the product is intended for.

■ GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

Test equipment has been modified and improved in the part 2 of the standard, to cover new requirements and give a better reproducibility.

The EU standard for changing units for domestic use EN 12221 parts 1 and 2 can be used as a voluntary standard to show compliance to the General Product Safety Directive. Please note that for EU Member State countries where national legislation exists (like in the UK and France) the national legislation should be followed.

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