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## NEW EUROPEAN STANDARD FOR CARRY COTS AND STANDS (EN 1466:2014)

In November 2014, the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) published the revised European standard EN 1466:2014 concerning carry cots and stands, replacing standard EN 1466:2004+A1:2007.

The European National Standard organisations bound to CEN/CENELEC rules have 6 months – until May 2015 to publish this new standard, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 2015.

This European standard covers carry cots intended for the purpose of carrying a child in a lying position by means of handles and stands which may be used in conjunction with these products. Carry cots are intended for children who cannot sit unaided, roll over or push up on hands and knees; up to a maximum weight of 9 kg.

Carry cots intended for children with special needs are not covered by the standard.

The revised standard includes the following main changes:

- A protected volume has been defined by the inner upper surface that supports the child and the inner surface of the sides and ends of the carry cot, to ensure safely sleeping of young babies.
- The latest standard EN 71-3 regarding migration of heavy metals is now applicable, in the protected volume of carry cots.
- Requirements on gaps and openings have been modified to cover entrapment hazards taking into account the age and behaviour of young babies.
- Internal height of rigid carry cots has been modified to introduce requirements on height for the ends, and taking into account products with an internal length less than or over 800 mm.
- The requirement for loops has been modified to take into account entanglement hazards arising when the attachment points of two pieces of narrow fabrics are located in a short distance.
- Requirements for carry cots with restraint system have been added, to avoid any hazard during night sleeping.



- The requirements of hazards edges, points and corners have been simplified and the test method for stability has been updated.
- The required product information has been reworded to highlight essential warnings and safety information to consumers. An Informative Annex has been introduced, giving the translation of warning sentences into 19 European languages.

The EU standard for carry cots and stands EN 1466:2014 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.

SGS has dedicated experts and services to assist you in the development of juvenile products and childcare articles. SGS offers physical/mechanical tests, chemical tests, packaging evaluation and inspections to ensure the compliance of your products in target markets.



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