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In May 2013, we informed you that the new European Standard EN 71-4:2013 will eventually repeal the existing method EN 71-4:2009 when the new version is harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC by publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).¹

On 28 May 2013, Commission Communication 2013C 149/02 was published in the OJEU². This publication by the EU commission makes the standard, EN 71-4:2013 'Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities' a harmonised standard. This means that compliance with the standard gives presumption of compliance with the toy directive. It is the first chemical standard to be harmonised under Directive 2009/48/EC. Normally, EU toy standards are published twice:

1. By the standards organisation CEN which makes it an agreed and accepted standard. In our SafeGuards 83/13¹ we informed on the publication by CEN and the changes to the standard
2. By the EU commission in the OJEU by legally accepting the standard under the toy safety Directive 2009/48/EC.



Highlights of the harmonised standards under the Union harmonisation legislation are summarised in Table 1.

¹ [SafeGuardS 083/13](#) May 2013

² [Communication 2013/C 149/02, 2013](#)

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TABLE 1.

| ITEM | METHOD | TITLE | FIRST PUBLICATION IN OFFICIAL JOURNAL | DATE OF CESSATION OF PRESUMPTION OF CONFORMITY OF SUPERSEDED STANDARD |
|------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | EN 71-1:2011 | Mechanical and physical properties | 18 Jun 2011 | – |
| 2 | EN 71-2:2011 | Flammability | 21 Jul 2011 | – |
| 3 | EN 71-4:2013 | Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities | 28 May 2013 | – |
| 4 | EN 71-8:2011 | Activity toys for domestic use | 19 Oct 2011 | – |
| 5 | EN 61115:2005 IEC 62115:2003 (modified) + A1:2004 | Electric toys - safety | 11 Aug 2011 | --- |
| | EN 62115:2005/A2:2011 IEC 62115:2003 / A2:2010 (modified) | | 11 Aug 2011 | 11 Aug 2011 (date expired) |
| | EN 62115:2005 / A11:2012 | | 15 Nov 2012 | 15 Nov 2012 (date expired) |
| | EN 62115:2005 / A2:2011/AC:2011 | | 19 Oct 2011 | --- |

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