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CEN PUBLISHES NEW TOY SAFETY STANDARD EN 71-3:2013 FOR SOLUBLE ELEMENTS

The European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) recently published the new toy safety standard EN 71-3:2013 for soluble elements. The standard is expected to be harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC (TSD) upon official acceptance by the European Commission (EC) and by publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) before the enforcement date for chemicals on 20 July 2013.

On 5 June 2013, the new toy safety standard EN 71-3:2013 'Safety of toys Part 3: Migration of certain elements' was published by the Comité Européen de Normalisation (CEN, European Committee for Standardisation). The method details the extraction of soluble elements from toy materials using conditions which simulate the material remaining in contact with gastric juices for a certain time after swallowing. The soluble elements are essentially determined by 3 different methods. The more stringent limits for soluble barium have, in principle, been agreed and are reflected in the standard (Table 1). These new limits are currently undergoing an administrative process for their official revision to the TSD.

The new standard EN 71-3:2013 is now available on a commercial basis at the national standards organisations, such as [British Standards Institution \(BSI\)](#). It is widely expected that the new standard will be officially accepted by the EC and harmonised under the TSD by publication in the OJEU before the enforcement date of 20 July 2013.

Chemical standard requirements for juvenile products also have an important role in the demonstration of conformity for soluble elements. With the availability of the new EN 71-3:2013 standard, the application of the latest version of EN 71-3 for soluble elements for juvenile products is already applicable for some standards only and is expected in the future for all juvenile products. A SafeGuardS will be published soon on this subject.

Highlights of the new standard are summarised in Table 1.



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TABLE 1.

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3	Exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packaging materials unless having intended play value, Toys or toy parts, which, due to their accessibility, function, volume or mass, clearly exclude any hazard due to sucking, licking or swallowing or prolonged skin contact when used as intended or in a foreseeable way. 												
4	Test portion selection	<p>Test portions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shall be taken from toy materials from 1 toy in form in which toy will be marketed, are taken from each colour of each toy material, may be composed of more than 1 colour or toy material only when discrete specimens cannot be separated physically, eg dot printing, patterned textiles etc. 												
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