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EN 14988 - AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARD ON CHILDREN'S HIGH CHAIRS

Now available in the library of CEN for standardization bodies in Europe, the amendments to the standards EN 14988-1:2006 + A1 and EN 14988-2: 2006 + A1 on high chairs should be published by the member states during autumn 2012.

European National Standard organizations operating under CEN/CENELEC rules have 6 months – until February 2013, to withdraw any national conflicting standards. Some changes and new requirements included by these amendments may have an impact to your products:

RESTRAINT FUNCTION

To improve the protective function of the high chairs, additional restraint requirements have been developed as follows:

Active restraint system

- The active restraint system supplied with the high chair shall consist of an assembly of straps: crotch strap, waist strap and/or shoulder straps.
- The minimum required width of the straps has been changed to 19 mm.
- An active restraint system is required when the backrest can be reclined to less than 60° to the horizontal.
- Strength test methods for straps



have been clarified and a slippage test for straps and adjusters has been added.

Passive restraint system

- The passive restraint system consists of lateral protections, a crotch restraint and a horizontal element which create two openings for the child's legs.
- Dimensional requirements have been developed.

Lateral protection

- Requirements have been introduced for lateral protection, including minimum dimensions and limitation of openings.
- Relevant test methods have been introduced in the part 2 of the standard.

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The requirements on locking mechanisms now clearly cover the folding system only.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

Some test methods and equipment have been modified and improved in the part 2 of the standard, to cover new requirements and give a better reproducibility of testing.

The EU standard for high chairs EN 14988 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 (as in the UK and France) the national legislation should be followed.

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