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## HONG KONG SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON UPDATING SAFETY STANDARDS FOR TOYS AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

Hong Kong recently proposed to update the safety standards for toys and certain children's products to be in line with the latest international requirements. The closing date for comments will be 2 December 2014.

In November 2014, Hong Kong recently started to seek comments from the public on its intention to adopt the latest safety standards for toys and 8 categories of children's products under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Chapter 424). Comments from interested parties are to be sent to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau by 2 December 2014.<sup>1</sup>

Highlights of the existing and proposed updated standards for toys and children's products are summarised in Table 1.



TABLE 1.

ITEM	CHILDREN'S PRODUCT	STANDARD	CURRENT STANDARD	PROPOSED NEW STANDARD
1	Toys	International	ISO 8124-1:2009/Amd.1/Amd.2	ISO 8124-1:2014 (expected to be published in 2014)
			ISO 8124-2:2007	ISO 8124-2:2014
			ISO 8124-3:2010	ISO 8124:2010/Amd.1
			ISO 8124-4:2010	ISO 8124-4:2014
		British / European	BS EN 71-1:2011	BS EN 71-1:2011+A3:2014
			BS EN 71-2:2011	BS EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014
			BS EN 71-3:1995 BS 5665-3:1995+A1 and Corrigendum 1	BS EN 71-3:2013

<sup>1</sup> [Proposed Updates to Safety Standards for Toys and Children's Products](#)

			BS EN 71-4:2009	BS EN 71-4:2013
			BS EN 71-5:1993+A2:2009	BS EN 71-5:2013
			BS EN 71-7:2002	BS EN 71-7:2014
			-----	BS EN 71-12:2013 (New requirements for N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances)
			BS EN 62115:2005+A2:2011	BS EN 62115:2005+A11:2012
2	Babies dummies	British / European	BS EN 1400 Parts 1-3:2002	BS EN 1400:2013+A1:2014
3	Bunk beds for domestic use	American	ASTM F1427-07	ASTM F1427-13
4	Child safety barriers for domestic use	American	ASTM F1004-12	ASTM F1004-13
5	Children's cots for domestic use	British / European	BS EN 716-1:2008	BS EN 716-1:2008+A1:2013
		British / European	BS EN 716-2:2008	BS EN 716-2:2008+A1:2013
		American	ASTM F1169-11	ASTM F1169-13
6	Children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use	British / European	BS EN 14988-1:2006	BS EN 14988-1:2006+A1:2012
		British / European	BS EN 14988-2:2006	BS EN 14988-2:2006+A1:2012
		American	ASTM F404-10	ASTM F404-14
7	Children's paints	British / European	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS EN 71-3:1995</li> <li>• BS 5665-3:1995+A1 and corrigendum 1</li> </ul>	BS EN 71-3:2013
		International	ISO 8124-3:2010	ISO 8124-3:2010/Amd.1
8	Playpens for domestic use	American	ASTM F406-12a	ASTM F406-13
9	Wheeled child conveyances	American	ASTM F833-11	ASTM F833-13b
		Australian / New Zealand	AS/NS 2088:2009	AS/NS 2088:2013

**NOTE**

- The updated standards are intended to be applied as soon as possible
- ISO 8124-6:2014 (phthalates) not adopted in Ordinance as Ordinance does not make references to any specific method. Hong Kong would like to retain existing flexibility to industry
- ISO / TR 8124-8:2014 (guideline on age grading) is not intended to address specific safety requirements and is not adopted in Ordinance

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