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## EUROPEAN STANDARD **BS EN 17191:2021** CHILDREN FURNITURE IMPLEMENTED

In November 2020, it was [announced](#) that CEN had prepared a draft version of EN 17191:2019 to replace NFD60-300 parts 1 and 2 in France. Part 1 will still be valid as it provides safety requirements for all kind of furniture for children.

On Aug 4, 2021, UK FIRA had withdrawn Children's Domestic Seating: Industry Standard (FRQG) – Children's Domestic Seating: Requirements for strength, stability, and durability: FIRA/FRQG C002: 2016 + A1: 2017 upon EU's official publication of BS EN 17191 on 31 July 2021.



According to EN 17191, the relationship between the standard and the safety requirements of Directive 2001/95/EC aimed to be covered shall include all types of seating intended for children as soon as they are able to walk and sit by themselves.

It also implies to seats for children over 12 months, or for example, chairs, benches, stools, bean bags, deckchairs, rocking chairs, reclining chairs, armchairs, foldable chairs etc. for indoor and outdoor use.

The standard has been based on the requirements for EN 71 Part 1, 2, 3 and adult furniture but adapted to suit the needs of children.

Moreover, all potential hazards had been taken into account in the standard:

TYPES OF HAZARD	EXAMPLES
<b>Mechanical</b>	Entrapment, Moving parts, Lids, Entanglements, Choking and Ingestion Suffocation, Strength and durability
<b>Flammability</b>	Surface flash on textile material
<b>Chemical</b>	19 Heavy Metals Elements

When a product has obvious dual (or multiple) functions, for example as a toy by virtue of having a play function and a clear function as seating, or by there being a cushioned top on a toy box or by being small chairs with cartoon characters on them, the product would be expected to comply with the toy standard covering its function as a toy and this document covering its seating function.

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