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UK Revises Toy Safety Standards for Great Britain



In August 2022, the United Kingdom proposed to amend the list of toy safety standards for presumption of conformity with its toy legislation in relation to Great Britain and on September 1, 2022, they were published and enforced with immediate effect.

On August 3, 2022, the UK's Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) proposed to amend the list of designated toy safety standards for presumption of conformity with the Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011 in relation to Great Britain (GB – England, Wales and Scotland). The notice of proposal revises six toy safety standards – EN 71 Parts 2 to 4, 7, 12 and 13. On September 1, 2022, these standards were published and designated accordingly under regulation 2A of [SI 2011/1881](#).

Highlights of the changes and a comparison with the previous list of toy safety standards are summarized below table.

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Entry	Annex I to Notice of Publication 0006/21 of January 1, 2021	Annex I to Notice of Publication 0063/22 of September 1, 2022
1	EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018	EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018 'Mechanical and physical properties'
2	EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014	EN 71-2:2020 'Flammability'
3	EN 71-3:2019	EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 ¹ 'Migration of certain elements'
4	EN 71-4:2013	EN 71-4:2020 'Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities'

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5	EN 71-5:2015	EN 71-5:2015 'Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets'
6	EN 71-7:2014+A2:2018 ²	EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020 'Finger paints'
7	EN 71-8:2018	EN 71-8:2018 'Activity toys for domestic use'
8	EN 71-12:2013	EN 71-12:2016 ³ 'N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances'
9	EN 71-13:2014	EN 71-13:2021 'Olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games'
10	EN 71-14:2018	EN 71-14:2018 'Trampolines for domestic use'
11	<u>Electric toys:</u> EN 62115:2005 EN 62115:2005/A2:2011 EN 62115:2005/A11:2012 EN 62115:2005/A12:2015 EN 62115:2005/A2:2011/AC:2011 EN 62115:2005/A11:2012/AC:2013	<u>Electric toys:</u> EN 62115:2005 EN 62115:2005/A2:2011 EN 62115:2005/A11:2012 EN 62115:2005/A12:2015 EN 62115:2005/A2:2011/AC:2011 EN 62115:2005/A11:2012/AC:2013

¹Interpretation of Clause 7 of the standard should be taken to require that test portions should not be made up of combined materials prior to the migration and analysis stages of the test

²Limit for climbazole (entry 22 in Table B.1 to Annex B) has been revised from 0.5% to 0.2%. The revision to this preservative was based on the 'Addendum to the Opinion on Climbazole (P64) ref. SSC/1506/13' of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) that was adopted after the publication of EN 71-7:2014+A2:2018

³In [point 8 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2011/1881](#), the limit values are 0.05 mg/kg for N-nitrosamines and 1 mg/kg for N-nitrosatable substances

Toy safety standards that are not amended in the notice of proposal are included for completeness. With the exception of entry 11 for electric toys, it is interesting to note that the referenced toy safety standards are consistent with those in the European Union ([SafeGuardS 153/21](#)).

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