

EU Adopts EN 71-3:2019 as Harmonised Toy Safety Standard

On October 16, 2019, the European Commission published the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728. In this Decision, an updated complete list of harmonised standards in support of Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC is published.

The new standard EN 71-3:2019 *Safety of toys – Part 3: Migration of certain elements* is now listed as the harmonised standard under Toy Safety Directive.

EN 71-3:2019 is including the new Chromium VI limit for Category III scraped-off toy materials (0.053 mg/kg instead of 0.2 mg/kg) which will be effective on November 18, 2019 (see Directive EU 2018/725).

The previous version, EN 71-3:2013 + A3:2018 can still be used until April 15, 2020, provided that the new limit for Chromium VI is taken into account.

Below are the Highlights of the Changes in EN 71-3:2019 as a reminder:

- Several terms and definitions, list for reagents and apparatus has been updated
- The limit value for chromium VI for material category III toy material adapted to new legal limit value (0.053 mg/kg) which will apply from November 18, 2019
- Dewaxing procedure has been revised by using isooctane instead of n-heptane
- More detailed procedures for checking the pH before and after migration has been introduced
- Test method for chromium III and chromium VI has been replaced by test method for chromium VI which is capable of determining chromium VI at the limit values for all material categories
- Dimethyltin (DMT) has been added to the list of organic tin compounds
- Test method for organic tin has been revised, butyl tin (d9) has been added as a recommended internal standards for organic tin compounds

Additional Information:

The full list of harmonised standards for toys

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019D1728&from=EN>

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