

# EUROPEAN TOY LEGISLATION

In Europe toys must meet the requirements in the 2009/48/EC EU Toy Safety Directive in order to carry the mandatory CE mark. The directive lists requirements that toys must comply with, and is implemented in the laws of each member state of the EU in their respective Toy Safety Regulations (e.g.: French decree).

The European Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC has been in force since 20 July 2011 for non-chemicals, including chemical safety assessment, and since 20 July 2013 for chemicals.

## 1. TOY SAFETY STANDARDS

To show compliance with the EU Toy Directive, the harmonized standards can be used. If a standard is harmonised, that means that it has been accepted by the EU commission and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).

Note that not all EN 71 standards have been harmonised yet under the EU Toy Directive. Here is an [update](#) – dated 25 June 2014:

TOY STANDARDS	UPDATES	SGS SAFEGUARDS	LEGAL REFERENCES
<b>EN 71-1:2011</b> Mechanical and Physical Properties	The <b>EN 71-1:2011+A2:2013</b> standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 31 October 2013. There is a transitional period until <u>30 September 2014</u> . After that date EN 71-1:2011+A2:2013 must be used. <i>This amendment includes new acoustic requirements.</i>	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 202/13</a>	<a href="#">2013/C 317/05</a>
	The <b>EN 71-1:2011+A3:2014</b> standard was published by CEN on 12 March 2014. There is a transitional period until <u>30 September 2014</u> . The standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 13 June 2014. <i>This amendment includes guidance on the legibility and visibility of warnings.</i>	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 063/14</a>	<a href="#">2014/C 181/01</a>
<b>EN 71-2:2011</b> Flammability	The EN 71-2:2011 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 21 July 2011.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 143/11</a>	<a href="#">2011/C 215/29</a>  <a href="#">2014/C 181/01</a>
	The <b>EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014</b> standard was published by CEN on 26 March 2014. There is a transitional period until <u>30 September 2014</u> . The standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 13 June 2014. <i>This amendment includes editorial corrections to a test method and exclusion from highly flammable liquid requirement for cosmetic kits/olfactory board games/gustative games (toys covered by EN 71-13).</i>		
<b>EN 71-3:2013</b> Migration of Certain Elements	The EN 71-3:2011 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 29 June 2013.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 132/13</a> ; <a href="#">SafeGuards No. 123/13</a> ; <a href="#">SafeGuards No. 111/13</a>	<a href="#">2013/C 187/09</a>

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<b>EN 71-4:2013</b> Experimental Sets for Chemistry and Related Activities	The EN 71-4:2013 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 28 May 2013.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 083/13</a>	<a href="#">2013/C 149/02</a>
<b>EN 71-5:2013</b> Chemical Toys (Sets) other than Experimental Sets	The EN 71-5:2011 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 29 June 2013.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 123/13</a> ; <a href="#">SafeGuards No. 116/13</a>	<a href="#">2013/C 187/09</a>
<b>EN 71-7:2014</b> Finger Paints – Requirements and Test Methods	The EN 71-7 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 13 June 2014. <i>The revised standard includes revisions in order to comply with the 2009/48/EC Toy Safety Directive.</i>	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 089/14</a>	<a href="#">2014/C 181/01</a>
<b>EN 71-8:2011</b> Swings, Slides and Similar Activity Toys for Indoor and Outdoor Family Domestic Use	The EN 71-8:2011 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 19 October 2011.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 194/11</a>	<a href="#">2011/C 307/03</a>
<b>EN 71-12 :2013</b> N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances	The EN 71-3:2011 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 29 June 2013.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 123/13</a> ; <a href="#">SafeGuards No. 117/13</a>	<a href="#">2013/C 187/09</a>
<b>EN 71-13:2014</b> Olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games	The EN 71-13:2014 standard has been harmonised under the Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC and published in the OJEU on 13 June 2014. <i>This new standard includes specific requirements for olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games.</i>	<a href="#">Safeguards No. 79/14</a>	<a href="#">2014/C 181/01</a>
<b>prEN 71-14:2013</b> Trampolines for Domestic Use	The EN 71-14 standard is being developed. Draft is available. Voting ongoing.	/	/
<b>EN 62115</b> Electrical Toys-Safety	The EN 62115:2005/A11:2012 has been harmonised and published in the OJEU on 15 November 2012. A corrigendum for the French version of amendment A11 only has been harmonised on 29 June 2013.	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 192/12</a>	<a href="#">2012/C 349/04</a> <a href="#">2013/C 187/09</a>
<b>Organic Chemical Compounds</b> <b>EN 71-9:</b> Requirements <b>EN 71-10:</b> Sample Preparation and Extraction <b>EN 71-11:</b> Methods of Analysis	These standards are not harmonised by the EU commission. They address the risks of organic compounds in toys through exposure routes, including mouth contact, ingestion, inhalation as well as skin and eye contact. These organic chemical compounds could cause harm, being carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction. The restricted compounds in these standards include organic solvents, preservatives, plasticizers, flame retardants, monomers, biocides and colourants. Relevant parts of these standards can be used as part of Chemical Safety Assessments	<a href="#">SafeGuards No. 61/06</a>	/

Link to EU site: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/standards/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/standards/index_en.htm)

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## STANDARD PUBLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1: Working Draft
- Step 2: Formal Vote
- Step 3: Publication of the standard by EU standardization organization CEN
- Step 4: Publication of the standard in the Official Journal of the EU (OJEU). The standard is then harmonized.

## 2. MANDATORY CE MARKING

All toys sold in Europe must meet the legal requirements set in the toy directive and carry the CE mark. CE marking is designed to remove European trade barriers and to harmonize toy safety requirements. It indicates that the product complies with the EU Toy Directive (2009/48/EC). It is not a European safety or quality mark. It must appear "in a visible, legible and indelible form" on the toy or its packaging.



## CONTACT

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