

EU: Publication of New Guidance Documents for the Revised Toy Safety Directive

The European Commission (EC) has recently published three guidance documents relative to the revised Toy Safety Directive (TSD), Directive 2009/48/EC. The first document is the third revision to the TSD explanatory guidance document; the second is the initial publication of the technical documentation guidance document; and the third is a guidance document for the classification of toy crafts. A summary of the contents follows.



Summary of Guidance Documents

- **Revised Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC (TSD) – Publication of the Explanatory Guidance Document – Version 1.3 (05/04/2011)**

The European Commission has published Version 1.3 of the explanatory guidance document which can be viewed at this link on their website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/files/tsd_explanatory_guidance_document_en.pdf

This document provides detailed explanations of the meanings under various requirements of the revised Toy Safety Directive. Particularly, this guidance includes specific information on the obligations of the economic operators relative to marking requirements and obligations. *To note:* On page 23, Version 1.3 provides clarification on the identification number that needs to be affixed on toys. It provides examples where the identification number can be affixed on the toy packaging instead of the toy itself.

- **Publication of Technical Documentation Guidance Document – Version 1.00 (05/04/2011)**

The European Commission published this document which can be viewed at this link on their website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/files/guidance-documents/technical_documentation_guidance_document_rev_1.0_en_.pdf

The purpose of this guidance is to provide explanations on the technical documentation that need to be issued by the manufacturer. It gives detailed requirements for the content of the technical documentation and some examples of information that needs to be provided (e.g., BOM - Bill of Materials.) It also includes explanatory information on the purpose of the safety assessment and how to conduct it.

- **Publication of the Crafts Guidance Document N°13 – 19 April 2011**

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/files/guidance-documents/guidance_document_on_crafts_en.pdf

This document clarifies the classification of craft products. For example, hobby kits classified as toys versus educational creative kits subject to the General Safety Requirement of Directive 2001/95/EC.

Contact Information

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