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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): HS code: 9503 (various) Children's toys containing lead and other elements – being children's toys that are products designed or clearly intended for use in play by children under the age of 6 years. This regulation addresses the risk of children ingesting or absorbing heavy elements in a range of toys and toy materials, including children's toys, finger paints, modelling clays, putties and slimes. Note: The review of this regulation is seeking to restrict supply of products that may contain hazardous levels of the heavy elements arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury and selenium.
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Limited review of the mandatory safety standard for toys containing lead and other elements; accessed via link below; (10 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/AUS/25_07920_00_e.pdf https://consultation.accc.gov.au/accc/toys-containing-lead-mandatory-standard-review/
6. Description of content: The mandatory standard for toys containing lead and other elements came into effect in 2009 to protect children from harmful levels of lead and other toxic elements in children's toys supplied in Australia. The mandatory standard covers requirements for maximum migration limits for certain elements and provides guidelines on how to test for certain elements in children's toys and finger paints. The ACCC is conducting a limited review of the mandatory standard for toys containing lead and other elements. The purpose of this limited review is to seek stakeholder views about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• increasing compliance options by referencing appropriate voluntary Australian and overseas standards that provide an equivalent or better level of safety• whether adding dynamic references is appropriate - so updates to referenced voluntary standards flow through to the mandatory standard.

<p>The limited review seeks views about allowing suppliers to comply with the most recent version of the voluntary Australian standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2021/Amd 1:2023 - Safety of toys - Part 3: Migration of certain elements) <p>In addition, the limited review seeks views about allowing suppliers to comply with the following voluntary international standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Standard (ISO 8124-3:2020/Amd 1:2023 - Safety of toys - Part 3: Migration of certain elements) <p>Note: The Australian/New Zealand Standard is a direct adoption of the International standard.</p> <p>The proposed safety standard would not impose any requirements other than those contained in these standards. Allowing compliance with these standards would increase compliance options thereby reducing technical barriers to trade.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objective of the mandatory safety standard is to reduce the risk of serious injury or death to children under 6 years of age from ingesting or absorbing heavy elements in a range of toys and toy materials. It provides manufacturers and suppliers of toys with performance and test procedures for sampling, extraction and determination of migration of elements from toy materials and parts.</p> <p>Referencing voluntary international standards, alongside the voluntary Australian standard, reduces the regulatory burden on suppliers by reducing administrative, testing and compliance costs where a product already conforms to the requirements of the specified voluntary standard.; Protection of human health or safety; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>Current mandatory safety standard – Consumer Protection Notice No. 1 of 2009</p> <p>ACCC Product Safety page – Toys containing lead and other elements mandatory standard</p> <p>The International and Australian/New Zealand standards are available for purchase from Standards Australia, Intertek Inform or Accuris.</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined; Not applicable - we are consulting on whether the mandatory safety standard should be updated.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined; Not applicable</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: 12 January 2026</p> <p>[X] 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>WTO TBT Enquiry Point Office of Global Trade Negotiations Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Canberra Tel: +(61) 2 6261 1111 Email: tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au Website: https://www.dfat.gov.au/</p>