



Toy Directive - Directive 2009/48/EC Standards for testing and certifying toys in Germany

In order to ensure the safety of toys in Germany, their suitability for children and that they are free of toxins, directive 2009/48/EC was passed in 2009 by the European Parliament concerning the safety of toys. All tests and certifications of this category of product have been carried out since then in accordance with this toy directive and European harmonised standards. Our experts perform partial or complete toy tests and assess the safety of the product.

The toy directive relates to all products intended for children up to 14 years of age, from teddy bears to train sets. They are there to ensure that the safety and health of children is not at risk from the predictable use of the toy by the child according to usual child-like behaviour. The directive applies to the import of toys into the European Community or from other non-member states that also enforce this EU directive. It applies to both manufacturers and importers alike.

The testing and certification of toys is also carried out in line with the current European harmonised testing rules and the standards derived from the 2009/48/EC toy directive. For example, the mechanical or physical test in Germany is conducted according to EN 71 part 1, 8 and 14.

The electrical safety test is according to EN 62115 and the chemical test is according to EN 71 parts 3, 4, 5, 7, 9-11, 12 REACH-VO and LFGB as well as for harmful properties pursuant to RoHS. The toys are also risk-assessed for their flammability, hygienic properties, electro-magnetic compatibility and emissions.

Your Benefits:

- Compliance with norm specifications and avoidance of expensive recalls
- Reduction of your liability risk
- Raised confidence amongst your customers concerning the safety aspects of the toys
- Greater competitive edge in direct comparison to non-certified products

Toy Directive Amendments:

2014/79/EC: Stricter rules on upper thresholds for TCEP, TCPP and TDCP

2014/81/EC: Migration limit value for Bisphenol A set at 0.1mg/l

2014/84/EC: only nickel may be used in toys/toy components constructed from stainless steel and toy parts that should conduct electricity

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