

## **Proposed Updates to Safety Standards for Toys and Children’s Products**

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Government) intends to update Schedules 1 and 2 to the Toys and Children’s Products Safety Ordinance (Cap. 424) (the Ordinance) to implement up-to-date safety standards promulgated by the relevant standards institutions for toys and children’s products listed in Schedule 2 to the Ordinance (Schedule 2 products).

The Ordinance stipulates that a person must not manufacture, import or supply a toy or a Schedule 2 product unless it complies with all the applicable requirements contained in any one of the safety standards (international standards or standards adopted by major economies) respectively specified in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 to the Ordinance. The Government keeps in view any updates or amendments to the safety standards so as to apply up-to-date and operative versions of the standards to toys and Schedule 2 products supplied in Hong Kong.

It has come to the Government’s attention that, as at the end of May 2023, the following specified standards for toys and for six classes of Schedule 2 products have been updated or amended –

### *I. Toy standards –*

- (a) the existing International Standard “ISO 8124-1:2018 (incorporating Amendment 1:2020 and Amendment 2:2020)” has been updated to “ISO 8124-1:2022”;
- (b) the existing International Standard “ISO 8124-2:2014” has been updated to “ISO 8124-2:2023”;
- (c) the existing International Standard “ISO 8124-3:2020” has been amended to “ISO 8124-3:2020 (incorporating Amendment 1:2023)”; and
- (d) the existing European Standard “BS EN 71-13:2021” has been amended to “BS EN 71-13:2021 + A1:2022”.

### *II. Schedule 2 product standards –*

- (a) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F977-18” for baby walking frames has been updated to “ASTM F977-22e1”;

- (b) the existing International Standard “ISO 9098-1:1994” for bunk beds for domestic use has been updated to “ISO 9098-1:2023”;
- (c) the existing International Standard “ISO 9098-2:1994” for bunk beds for domestic use has been updated to “ISO 9098-2:2023”;
- (d) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F1004-21” for child safety barriers for domestic use has been updated to “ASTM F1004-23”;
- (e) the existing International Standard “ISO 8124-3:2020” for children’s paints has been amended to “ISO 8124-3:2020 (incorporating Amendment 1:2023)”;
- (f) the existing ASTM Standard “ASTM F406-19” for playpens for domestic use has been updated to “ASTM F406-22”;
- (g) the existing European Standard “BS EN 1888-1:2018” for wheeled child conveyances has been amended to “BS EN 1888-1:2018 + A1:2022”; and
- (h) the existing Joint Australian/ New Zealand Standard “AS/NZS 2088:2013” for wheeled child conveyances has been updated to Australian Standard “AS 2088:2022”.

---- Major changes introduced by the latest standards are summarised at Annex<sup>Note</sup>.

If you have any comments on the proposed amendments, please send them to us on or before **31 December 2023** by any of the following means:

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<sup>Note</sup> The table at Annex is prepared for general information only. Interested parties should refer to the relevant standards for the detailed requirements.

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