

## 2.3 Link list

### Legislation around the globe

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### Useful links to identify relevant legislation

This list will give you further information on chemicals-related legislation for toys in some of the most relevant toy-importing countries. It will guide you to websites, where you can find easy explanations on the legislation in the target country and provide original legal texts.

#### International Conventions on chemicals

The [Stockholm Convention](#) bans the production and use of chemicals that are considered as persistent organic pollutants. Its Annexes are continuously updated, and new chemicals included.

The [Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer](#) bans and regulates the disposal of chemicals that deplete the ozone layer. Chemicals covered by the Convention should normally NOT be contained in toys.

The [Minamata Convention](#) bans the use of mercury. Mercury is unlikely to be contained in toys, unless these contain electronic components and/or any types of sensors.

The Rotterdam Convention lists in its [Annex III Chemicals](#) that should not be used in toys (note that only the chemicals indicated as 'industrial' may be contained in toys)

#### Legislation on chemicals

##### **Various legal requirements on chemicals in the European Union:**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) provides a database containing information (in English) on the regulatory status of a chemical in the EU. Simply enter the CAS number or name of the chemical here: [EUCLEF](#).

Please note that the information in EUCLEF does not cover all EU legislation, yet.

### Various legal requirements on chemicals in the United States

The US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) provides a database containing information (in English) on the regulatory status of a chemical in the US. Simply enter the CAS number or name of the substance here: [System of Registries](#)

## National or regional legislation on toys

The following lists of legislation was compiled to include the most important and relevant legislation at the time of developing the toolkit. As legislation is dynamic and not all possible types of toys can be reflected here, users are recommended to check with their clients in countries to which they export, the authorities, association or other information sources if additional requirements exist.

### United States of America (USA)

**Get an overview** with the help of the “**Toy Safety Business Guidance & Small Entity Compliance Guide**”:

[Toy Safety Business Guidance & Small Entity Compliance Guide](#)

**Guidance**, created by the USA government provides the **regulatory robot**, which will help you to determine the needed steps for your product:

[CPSC's Regulatory Robot](#)

**Original regulation texts:** The **Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA)** regulates toys and children's products sold in the USA, as part of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act:

[Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008](#)

Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter II: **Consumer Product Safety Commission**):

[Hazardous Substances and Articles: Administration and Enforcement Regulations](#)

**U.S. Toy Standard: ASTM F963** (must be purchased):

[ASTM F963 - 17 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety](#)

### Canada

**Get an overview:** The “**Industry Guide to Health Canada's Safety Requirements for Children's Toys and Related Products**” provides information about the safety requirements that apply under the Toys Regulations to children's toys and related products.

[Industry Guide to Health Canada's Safety Requirements for Children's Toys and Related Products](#)

**Original regulation text:** Children's toys and related products manufactured, imported, advertised or sold in Canada are regulated under the **Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA)** and the Toys Regulations. Canada Consumer Product Safety Act:

[Canada Consumer Product Safety Act](#)

**Toys Regulations (SOR/2011-17):**

[Toys Regulations](#)

**FAQ:** Support can be found on the official website of the Government of Canada.

[Frequently Asked Questions - Toys Regulations](#)

## Japan

**Overview:** First information might be found on the website of the Japan External Trade Organization and at QIMA.

JETRO | Japan External Trade Organization

Japan's Toy Safety Standards | QIMA

**The translations contained in the Japanese Law Translation Database System are not official texts, and not all of the translations are finalized versions.**

**Guidance:** The “**Handbook for Consumer Products Import Regulations 2010**” explains which laws would apply to toys and provides links to the relevant legislation.

[Handbook for Consumer Products Import Regulations 2010](#)

**Japan Food Sanitation Law (JFSL)** – this law includes provisions on toys that are either designed to or may be placed into the children’s mouth.

**Order for Enforcement of the Food Sanitation Act:**

[Order for Enforcement of the Food Sanitation Act](#)

**Going beyond the mandatory:** The participation in the **Safety Toy Standard (ST 2016) and Marking** is voluntary. However, all toy manufacturers and importers should consider it, as it is influential among safety-conscious Japanese buyers. Business information by the Japan Toy Association:

[Japan Toy Association - Business Information](#)

## European Union (EU)

**Overview:** The European Commission provides basic information about “**Toy Safety in the EU**” on their website.

[Toy Safety in the EU](#)

**Guidance:** The European Commission and the Expert Group on Toy Safety created several “**guidance documents**” to assist manufacturers, importers, distributors, and public authorities in the interpretation and application of the Toy Safety Directive.

[Guidance on Toy Safety](#)

**Original regulation text:** The **Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC** lays down the safety criteria that toys must meet before they can be marketed in the EU.

[Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC](#)

There are several standards on toys and children’s products in the EU. You may find a list of standards (must be purchased) provided by the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) below. Select “CEN/TC 52” in the section ‘Committee’ and search to get all standards relevant to toy safety, including on chemicals.

[CENELEC - Search standards](#)

**Helpful brochure** on “**Toy safety - Ensuring children benefit from the highest level of protection**”

by the European Commission:

[Toy safety - Ensuring children benefit from the highest level of protection](#)

#### **United Kingdom (UK)**

**Guidance:** The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills provides an “Explanatory Memorandum to the Toys (Safety) Regulations”.

[Explanatory Memorandum to the Toys \(Safety\) Regulations](#)

**Original legal text:** The Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011: [The Toys \(Safety\) Regulations 2011](#)

#### **Russia**

**Original regulation text:** The **Regulation CU TR 008 2011** contains technical regulations of the Russian Customs Union on safety of toys.

[Regulation CU TR 008 2011](#)

**Standards:** The database “RussianGost” provides toy-specific standards, when entering the term “toys” to the search field on the homepage.

[Russian Gost - laws, standards and regulations](#)

## China

**Overview:** The “[Summary on Chemicals in Toys Policy in China](#)” by UNEP summarizes the laws, regulations and standards related to toys in China.

[Summary on Chemicals in Toys Policy in China](#)

**Original legal texts:** The Product Quality Law of the People’s Republic of China and the Law of the People's Republic of China on Import and Export Commodity Inspection are provided by the Chinese State Administration for Market Regulation.

[Product Quality Law of the People's Republic of China](#)

[Law of the People's Republic of China on Import and Export Commodity Inspection](#)

The **Provisions on the Administration of Compulsory Product Certification** are provided by the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the P.R.C.

[Provisions on the Administration of Compulsory Product Certification](#)

### **Rules of Implementation for Compulsory Certification of Toy Products** (six items)

Domestic regulations - Measures for the Inspection, Supervision and Administration of Imported and Exported Toys.

[domestic regulations](#)

### **Mandatory standards:**

GB 6675 Toys Safety National Technical Standards.

[GB 6675.1-2014 Safety of toys - Part 1: Basic code](#)

[GB 6675.4-2014 Safety of toys - Part 4: Migration of certain elements](#)

[GB 6675.3-2014 Safety of toys - Part 3: Flammability](#)

[GB 6675.14-2014 Safety of toys - Part 14: Requirements and test methods of finger paints](#)

Chinese Mandatory Standard for Toy Coatings.

[GB 24613-2009 Limit of harmful substances of coatings for toys](#)

Chinese Mandatory National Standard for Experimental Sets for Chemistry and related Activities.

[GB 26387-2011 Safety of toys - Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities](#)

## India

### **Guidance**

Product Manual for safety of toys - shall be used as reference material by all regional/branch Offices & licensees to ensure coherence of practice and transparency in operation of certification under Scheme-I of Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 for various products.

[Product Manual - IS 9873 \(Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9\) and IS 15644](#)

### **Mandatory standards:**

#### Products

IS 15644: 2006 - Safety of Electric Toys

IS 9873 (Part 1): 2019 - Safety of toys Part 1 Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical Properties

IS 9873 (Part 2): 2017 - Safety of Toys Part 2 Flammability

IS 9873 (Part 3): 2020 - Safety of Toys Part 3 Migration of Certain Elements

IS 9873 (Part 4): 2017 - Safety of Toys Part 4 Swings, Slides and Similar Activity Toys for Indoor and Outdoor Family Domestic Use

IS 9873 (Part 7): 2017 - Safety of Toys Part 7 Requirements and Test Methods for Finger Paints

IS 9873 (Part 9): 2017 - Safety of Toys Part 9 Certain Phthalates Esters in Toys and Children's

**Visit the following website to download the standards:**

[https://standardsbis.bsbedge.com/BIS\\_SearchStandard.aspx?Standard\\_Number=IS+9873&id=0](https://standardsbis.bsbedge.com/BIS_SearchStandard.aspx?Standard_Number=IS+9873&id=0)

### **Brazil (recognised by Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay)**

**Original legal texts:** Brazil's National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO) administers a mandatory scheme for the testing and certification of toys and other products intended for use by children under the age of 14 years. Only toys and children's products that have been tested and certified by an INMETRO-accredited certification body are legally permitted to be sold in Brazil.

[National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality \(INMETRO\)](#)

#### **Mandatory standards:**

NM 300-1 - General properties, mechanical and physical

NM 300-2 - Flammability

NM 300-3 - Migration of certain chemicals

NM 300-4 - Games of chemical experiments and activities

NM 300-5 - Chemical games distinct from games of experiments

NM 300-6 - Safety of electric toys

ABNT NBR 16040 - Phthalates Determination

INMETRO Ordinance 369/2007 - Toxicological Tests

### **Gulf countries (United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar, State of Kuwait, Republic of Yemen)**

**Original legal text:** All named countries are part of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which aims at the achievement of integration and in conjunction among member states. All toys sold in the Gulf countries need to meet the requirements set by the **GCC Standardisation Organisation (GSO)**.

[GCC Technical Regulation on Children Toys](#)

#### **Mandatory standards:**

[GCC Standardization Authority - List of Updated Standards for Toys](#)

[Australia/New Zealand](#)

[Get an overview: You will find first information on legislation in Australia and New Zealand on the website of the Australian Toy Association.](#)

[Safety of Toys](#)

[South Africa](#)

**Original legal texts:** [In March 2022, South Africa's Department of Trade, Industry and Competition published the Notice 896 of 2022 \(see page 276\) for several toy safety standards for the development of the country's national standards under the Standards Act. These will become relevant once enacted.](#)

**Standards:**

[South Africa Consults Over Several Draft Standards for Toy Safety \(SGS\)](#)

### **Access to legislation (in further countries)**

If you search for legislation in other countries, you may find the following resources useful.

The search engine **InforMEA** provided by the UN information portal on multilateral environmental agreements. If you enter 'toys' into the search field, you will get a long list of legislation applicable in countries across the globe.

[InforMEA - Access information on Multilateral Environmental Agreements](#)

The database **ChemReg.net** provides over 16,000 global regulations from 122 countries covering a wide range of scope. Implemented technologies make it possible to search within these pdfs in any language, thereby effectively removing linguistic barriers and improving access.

[ChemReg - UNEP Landing Page](#)

The **Corporate Training Booklet** provides relevant legislation in the **EU, India, Thailand, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines** and **Malaysia**. In addition, it informs about recall cases, provides tips for toy manufacturers regarding legislation and gives advice for exceeding regulatory standards.

[Chemicals in Toys: Make it Safer, and Better - Corporate Training Booklet](#)

### **Online searching strategy (step by step)**

If you do not find legislation in the country of your target market in the above link list or via the UN search engine, use the following keywords to search for the legislation and regulations.

1. Open an internet-based **search engine**:

- [bing.com](http://bing.com)
- [baidu.com](http://baidu.com), [百度一下, 你就知道](#)
- [sogou.com](http://sogou.com), [搜狗搜索引擎 - 上网从搜狗开始](#)

Not available worldwide:

- [google.com](http://google.com)
- [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)

2. Type in a combination of the following **keywords**:

the country of which you need the legislation e.g. *'Thailand'*, *'toys legislation'*, *'regulation'*, *'import toys'*, *'export toys'*, *'legislation on toys'*, *'safety of toys'*, *'child products'*, *'lead'*

Search for guidance on official websites of the country. For example, governmental pages and industry initiatives (chambers of commerce, toy industry associations). Explanatory web pages can be supportive to get a better understanding of the original legal texts, but never substitute them.