



Toys

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Attention: Mandatory toy standard ASTM F963-23 will soon be implemented

On January 18, 2024, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) of the United States published the final rules of ASTM F963-23 in the Federal Register, approving the revised standard ASTM F963-23 as a mandatory standard for the 16 CFR 1250 Toy Safety Standard. The new standard will take effect on April 20, 2024, unless CPSC receives a significant adverse comment by February 20, 2024. If CPSC receives such a significant adverse comment, it will publish a document in the Federal Register withdrawing this direct final rule before its effective date.

The new standard ASTM F963-23 has revised several aspects, including heavy metals, phthalates, acoustic toys, battery accessibility, expansion materials, and traceability labels. The specific revision content is as follows:

No.	New standard requirements	Main updates
1	Heavy Elements in Toy Substrate Materials	Separate description and supplementary "accessible" judgment rules for exemption situations
2	Phthalates	Revised the requirements for phthalates, consistent with federal regulations 16 CFR 1307
3	Acoustics	Revised the definition of certain sound toys to make them easier to distinguish
4	Batteries	Higher requirements have been put forward for the "accessibility" of batteries
5	Expanding Materials	Corrected errors in expansion tolerances and significant figures
6	Labeling	Added tracking label requirements, consistent with 15 U.S.C. § 2063 (a) (5) of the Federal Code
7	Bow and Arrow Testing	Adjusted the order of the terms to make them more logical and added a testing condition

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