



Toy

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EU Proposed Exemption on Cobalt Used for Specific Applications in Toys

On 9 July 2025, the European Commission proposed a Directive amending Appendix A of Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys, as regards cobalt.

Notifying Member	Symbol and title	Distribution/Comments ①	Products covered ①
European Union	G/TBT/N/EU/1142 Draft Commission Directive amending Appendix A of Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys, as regards... Notified document (1)	09/07/2025 📅 07/09/2025	Children's toys, i.e. products designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by...

In Appendix A of Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC, the following row is added:

Substance	Classification	Permitted use
Cobalt	CMR 1B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In toys and toy components made of stainless steel, as an impurity in the nickel contained in the stainless steel. ➤ In toy components which are intended to conduct an electric current. ➤ In neodymium-based magnets used in toys if those magnets cannot be swallowed or inhaled.

★Appendix A: List of CMR substances and their permitted uses in accordance with points 4, 5 and 6 of Part III

★Products covered: Children's toys, i.e. products designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age.

The directive is expected to be adopted and entry into force in the last quarter of 2025. EU Member States shall adopt the directive within 6 months after the directive is published and apply those provisions from the date 7 months after the publication in the OJEU.

Original link: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/EEC/25_04548_00_e.pdf

HCT SOLUTION:

HCT reminds toy companies exporting to Europe to pay timely attention to the latest regulatory developments, understand the latest requirements of regulations in order to better control product quality and win the market. HCT Laboratory has rich experience in toy testing and complete qualifications, and can provide testing services for products and materials for enterprises.

