



EN 71

Overview of the EU Toy Safety Directive

European standard **EN 71** specifies safety requirements for toys. Compliance with the standard is legally required for all toys sold in the European Union.

The standard has been published in 13 parts:

- EN 71-1: Mechanical and physical properties
- EN 71-2: Flammability
- EN 71-3: Specification for migration of certain elements
- EN 71-4: Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities
- EN 71-5: Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets
- EN 71-6: Graphical symbols for age warning labelling
- EN 71-7: Finger paints
- EN 71-8: Swings, slides and similar activity toys for indoor and outdoor family domestic use
- EN 71-9: Organic chemical compounds – Requirement
- EN 71-10: Organic chemical compounds – Sample preparation and extraction
- EN 71-11: Organic chemical compounds – Methods of analysis
- EN 71-12: N-Nitrosamines and N-Nitrosatable Substances
- EN 71-13: Olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games

EN71 is a set of European Product Safety standard that applies to all toys sold in the European Union. EN 71, which is also a part of the CE directive, has been put in place to ensure that all toys sold in the EU meet certain minimum safety standards on the following factors:

HQTS offers comprehensive toy safety assessment, testing, recordkeeping, compliance and training solutions to help ensure your products meet the obligations and requirements of the new EU Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC.

The general provisions of the EU Toy Safety Directive define what constitutes a toy, outline technical documentation requirements, establish production control and more. Chemical requirements of the EU Toy



Safety Directive, which include restrictions on toxic elements, certain fragrances and use of CMR chemicals, were effective July 20, 2013. HQTS developed its EN 71-3 Chemical Testing Solution to address these new chemical requirements.

Also outlined in the EU Toy Safety Directive are roles and obligations for toy manufacturers, importers and distributors, as follows:

Task	Manufacturer	Representative	Importer	Distributor
Technical documentation and carry out conformity & safety assessments	Required	Required	Ensure it's done	Required
Sample test marketed toys	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Ensure conformity of series production	Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Affix conformity marking (CE) and product identification	Required	Required	Ensure it's done	Verify Completed
Keep the technical documentation	Required	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Produce technical documentation upon request	Required	Required	Required	Required
Produce EC Certification	Required	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Add name and address	Required	Required for non-EU mfr.	Required	Verify Completed
Retain Cert	Required	Required	Required	Required
Keep records of complaints, non-conforming toys and recalls	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Avoid jeopardizing compliance during storage or transportation	Not Required	Not Required	Required	Required
Document in correct language	Required	Required	Required	Required

HQTS has developed solutions to help facilitate technical file organization and storage, as well as preparation of EC Declaration of Conformity preparation required by the EU Toy Directive. In addition, HQTS's laboratories and have been Certified for EN 71 chemical testing.