

Public consultation on proposed updates to safety standards for toys and children's products launched

The Government launched a public consultation today (December 1) on the proposed updates to Schedules 1 and 2 to the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap. 424) 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 Toys and Children's Products Safety 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 respectively specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Ordinance. The standards specified are international standards or standards adopted by major economies. The Government keeps in view any changes to the standards so as to apply up-to-date and operative versions of the standards to products supplied in Hong Kong.

As the safety standards specified for toys and for three classes of Schedule 2 products, namely (i) bunk beds for domestic use, (ii) children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use, and (iii) children's paints have been updated, the Government proposes to adopt the up-to-date versions of those safety standards under the Ordinance. Details of the proposals are available on the website of the Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau at www.cedb.gov.hk/citb.

Members of the public are welcome to send their views on the proposals in writing to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau at 23/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, or by fax to 2869 4420, or by email to tcpso_standards_updates@cedb.gov.hk, on or before December 31, 2020.