

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 proposed adoption of up-to-date safety standards promulgated by the relevant standards institutions for toys and some children's products listed in Schedule 2 (Schedule 2 products) under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap 424).

The Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance stipulates that a person must not manufacture, import or supply a toy or Schedule 2 product unless it complies with all the applicable requirements contained in any one of the safety standards specified in Schedules 1 and 2 respectively to the Ordinance. The standards specified are international standards or standards adopted by major economies. The Government keeps in view updates to the standards so as to apply up-to-date and operative versions to products supplied in Hong Kong.

As the safety standards specified for toys and for five classes of Schedule 2 products, namely (i) "child safety barriers for domestic use", (ii) "children's cots for domestic use", (iii) "children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use", (iv) "children's paints" and (v) "playpens for domestic use", have been updated, the Government proposes to adopt the up-to-date versions of those safety standards. Details of the proposal are set out in a consultation note 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 proposal 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 email to tcpso_standards_updates@cedb.gov.hk, on or before December 31, 2018.