

Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2020 gazetted

The Government today (February 21) published in the Gazette the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2020. The Notice seeks to update the safety standards for toys and eight classes of children's products listed in Schedule 2 (Schedule 2 products) under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap. 424).

The eight classes of Schedule 2 products are "babies' dummies", "baby walking frames", "child safety barriers for domestic use", "children's cots for domestic use", "children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use", "children's paints", "playpens for domestic use" and "wheeled child conveyances". The Notice will come into operation on October 1, 2020.

The 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 set of the safety standards specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Ordinance. These standards are international standards or standards adopted by major economies. The Government keeps in view updates or amendments to the safety standards made by the standards institutions concerned and, as a regular exercise, applies up-to-date, operative versions to products supplied in Hong Kong. The last update commenced operation in October 2019.

The standards institutions concerned have updated or amended the specified standards for toys and for eight classes of Schedule 2 products. The Notice seeks to apply the updated or amended standards.