



## US: CPSC Approves ASTM F963-17 as a Mandatory Toy Safety Standard

On 4 December 2017, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a final rule to establish ASTM F963-17 as the mandatory Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety. The rule is at 16 CFR part 1250 and incorporates by reference ASTM F963-17. The new rule will be effective on 28 February 2018 and applies to all toys manufactured on or after that date.

The changes from ASTM F963-16 to ASTM F963-17 are summarized as below:

- > Scope: Minor editorial changes of the word “must” to “shall”.
- > Referenced documents: Nine new references were added that were mostly related to microbiological guidelines.
- > Terminology: The definition of “Driving Mechanism” was removed and the definition of “Cosmetics” was clarified that cosmetics intended to be applied to toys are not subject to the Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act (FDCA) labelling requirements.
- > Safety Requirements: One substantive clarification was made to section 4.21.2, Projectiles Toys with Stored Energy; one non-substantive clarification was made to section 4.21.3, Projectiles Toys without Stored Energy; and one clarification was made to section 4.21.3, Projectiles Toys without Stored Energy. One of the three clarifications (section 4.21.2) had been balloted and approved by the ASTM F15 Committee for Consumer Products for inclusion in the 2016 version, but the wording in section 4.21.2.3 was inadvertently omitted in the test method associated with kinetic energy (KE) of stored energy projectiles in the ASTM F963-16 revision.
- > Labeling Requirement: Minor editorial changes only.
- > Instructional Literature: Minor editorial changes only.
- > Test Methods: An additional sentence was added to the sound-producing toys test method in Section 8.20.1.5(5). This sentence functionally exempts pull/push toys from the A-weighted maximum sound pressure level (LAFmax) requirement. The Commission is not including this language in the mandatory standard.
- > Annex: The rational was added addressing the new language in 4.21.2.3 for projectiles with stored energy.




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