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Foreword

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This European Standard for safety of toys consists of the following parts:

— *Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties*;

— *Part 2: Flammability*;

— *Part 3: Migration of certain elements*;

— *Part 4: Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities*;

— *Part 5: Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets*;

— *Part 7: Finger paints — Requirements and test methods*;

— *Part 8: Activity toys for domestic use*;

— *Part 9: Organic chemical compounds — Requirements*;

— *Part 10: Organic chemical compounds — Sample preparation and extraction*;

— *Part 11: Organic chemical compounds — Methods of analysis*;

— *Part 12: N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances*;

— *Part 13: Olfactory board games, gustative board games, cosmetic kits and gustative kits*;

— *Part 14: Trampolines for domestic use*.

NOTE 1 In addition to the above parts of EN 71, the following guidance documents have been published: CEN Report, CR 14379, *Classification of toys — Guidelines*, CEN Technical Report CEN/TR 15071, S*afety of toys — National translations of warnings and instructions for use in EN 71*, and CEN Technical Report CEN/TR 15371, *Safety of toys — Replies to requests for interpretation of EN 71-1, EN 71-2, and EN 71-8*.

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Introduction

There are ongoing developments in the following area:

— the influence of the mouthing behaviour (mouthing time and sucking/chewing) on the migration out of teethers and other elastomers than balloons.

WARNING — *N-nitrosamines* can endanger human health owing to their toxicity. Persons using this European Standard should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This European Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for *N-nitrosamines* and *N-nitrosatable substances* for:

— toys and parts of toys made from *elastomers* and intended for use by children under 36 months;

— toys and parts of toys made from *elastomers* and intended to be placed in the mouth;

— *finger paints* for children under 36 months.

EXAMPLES Examples of toys made from elastomers are balloons and teethers.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
finger paint
paste and/or jelly like, coloured mixture specially designed for children to apply directly to suitable surfaces with the fingers and hands

Note 1 to entry: In addition to water, *finger paints* essentially consist of colorants, binders, preservatives and embittering agent and may additionally contain extenders, humectants and surfactants.

[SOURCE: prEN 71-7:2012, 3.1]

3.2
elastomer
material which undergoes substantial, elastic ((fully) reversible) deformation when put under stress and consisting of three-dimensional networks of cross-linked flexible polymers

Note 1 to entry: The cross-links can be chemical bonds in rubbers (like natural rubber, synthetic rubber and silicones) or physical, thermo-reversible fixation points in thermoplastic *elastomers* (TPE) or the combination of both (TPE-V).

3.3
N-nitrosamine
substance characterised by the -N-N=O functional group, usually formed by the reaction of an amine with a nitrosating agent at acidic pH

Note 1 to entry: The reacting amines primarily are secondary amines.

Note 2 to entry: An example for a nitrosating agent is nitrite.

3.4
N-nitrosatable substance
substance which when released into the test solution undergoes nitrosation to form a *N-nitrosamine* under specified conditions