## Proposed Updates to Safety Standards for Toys and Children's Products

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Government) intends to update Schedules 1 and 2 to the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap. 424) (the Ordinance) to implement up-to-date safety standards promulgated by the relevant standardisation bodies for toys and children's products listed in Schedule 2 to the Ordinance (Schedule 2 products).

The 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 (international standards or standards adopted by major economies) specified in Schedule 1 (applicable to toys) or Schedule 2 (applicable to Schedule 2 products) to the Ordinance. The Government keeps in view any updates or amendments to the safety standards so as to apply up-to-date and operative versions of the standards to toys and Schedule 2 products supplied in Hong Kong.

It has come to the Government's attention that, as at the end of May 2024, the following specified safety standards for toys and for seven classes of Schedule 2 products have been updated or amended -

- *I.* Toy standards –
- (a) the existing ASTM Standard "ASTM F963-17" has been updated to "ASTM F963-23";
- II. Schedule 2 product standards –
- (a) the existing ASTM Standard "ASTM F963-17" for babies' dummies has been updated to "ASTM F963-23";
- (b) the existing European Standard "BS EN 1273:2020" for baby walking frames has been amended to "BS EN 1273:2020 + A1:2023";
- (c) the existing European Standard "BS EN 14350:2020" for bottle teats has been amended to "BS EN 14350:2020 + A1:2023";
- (d) the existing European Standard (a) "BS EN 747-1:2012 + A1:2015" for bunk beds for domestic use has been updated to "BS EN 747-1:2024";

- (e) the existing European Standard (b) "BS EN 747-2:2012 + A1:2015" for bunk beds for domestic use has been updated to "BS EN 747-2:2024";
- (f) the existing European Standard "BS EN 1466:2014" for carry cots and similar handled products and stands has been updated to "BS EN 1466:2023";
- (g) the existing ASTM Standard "ASTM F963-17" for children's paints has been updated to "ASTM F963-23";
- (h) the existing Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard "AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2021" for children's paints has been amended to "AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2021 (incorporating Amendment 1:2023)"; and
- (i) the existing European Standard (b) "BS EN 1888-2:2018" for wheeled child conveyances has been amended to "BS EN 1888-2:2018 + A1:2022".

Major changes introduced by the latest standards are summarised at <u>Annex</u><sup>Note</sup>.

If you have any comments on the proposed amendments, please send them to us on or before **2 January 2025** by any of the following means:

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