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### **European foreword**

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This document supersedes CEN/TR 13387-2:2015.

The chemical part has been updated compared to the previous edition. Apart from some adaptations necessary as a result of relevant reference documents which have been adopted or changed after the publication of the previous edition of the present guidelines some corrections were made. In addition, the recommendations relating to formaldehyde and preliminary aromatic amines were changed.

The CEN/TR 13387 series comprises the following five parts:

- Safety philosophy and safety assessment (CEN/TR 13387-1);
- Chemical hazards (CEN/TR 13387-2);
- Mechanical hazards (CEN/TR 13387-3);
- Thermal hazards (CEN/TR 13387-4);
- Product information (CEN/TR 13387-5).

CEN/TR 13387-2 is intended to be used in conjunction with CEN/TR 13387-1.

#### 1 Scope

This document provides guidance information on chemical hazards that should be taken into consideration when developing safety standards for child care articles. In addition, these guidelines can assist those with a general professional interest in child safety.

#### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

#### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <a href="http://www.electropedia.org/">http://www.electropedia.org/</a>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

### 4 Regulatory, normative and policy background

#### 4.1 General

In Europe child care articles are covered by the Directive on general product safety (GPSD, Directive 2001/95/EC). This directive contains a general safety requirement and does not address chemical substances in particular. However, Article 13 of the GPSD provides for the opportunity to adopt temporary "emergency" measures which may include limit values for chemical substances in consumer products. Such measures had been adopted for phthalates in toys and child care articles and for dimethylfumarate (DMF) and both have been later incorporated into REACH. In addition, Member States can impose actions on products found unsafe.

Restrictions for several specific chemical substances can be found in Annex XVII of the Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH, Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) "relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations" as amended. If applicable to their type of product or material used, these provisions shall be followed by manufacturers of child care articles.

The Regulation on persistent organic pollutants (POP, Regulation (EC) No 850/2004) restricts production, placing on the market and use of chemical substances listed in Annex I of the regulation including constituents of articles. The provisions apply also to child care articles.

Other regulatory provisions relating to chemicals may apply to certain products. For instance, drinking equipment is subject to the Regulation on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food (Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004) and plastics components of drinking equipment are regulated by the Regulation relating to materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs. A Directive covers the release of N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances from elastomer or rubber teats and soothers (Directive 93/11/EEC). Applicable regulation will have to be identified where relevant.

Another example of chemical provisions applicable to child care articles is the Directive on packaging and packaging waste (94/62/EC) which establishes among others limits for lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium in packaging.

While not directly applicable to child care articles the Directive on the safety of toys (TSD, 2009/48/EC) is an important reference document addressing a product group with similar exposure characteristics