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- *Part 1: Replies to requests for interpretation of EN 71-1, EN 71-2, EN 71-8 and EN 71-14;*
- *Part 2: Replies to requests for interpretation of the chemical standards in the EN 71-series.*

## 0 Introduction

### 0.1 Interpretations and no-action decisions

This Technical Report contains replies to requests for interpretations concerning the understanding of clauses in EN 71-1:2014, EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014, EN 71-8:2011 and EN 71-14:2014. The replies concern those requests that have resulted in an interpretation or a decision that no action is required as the standard is sufficiently clear.

An interpretation does not have the same status as the text of the standard, nor can it overrule the text of the standard. However, following an interpretation should give assurance that the relevant clause of the standard has been correctly applied. An interpretation should only be regarded as a clarification of the meaning of the standard such that stakeholders can apply it correctly in a conformity assessment. An interpretation is not an assessment of the requirement in the standard - it is only a strict interpretation of the meaning of the text.

#### **Disclaimer:**

The interpretations have been derived by expert groups of CEN/TC 52. The information contained herein is for guidance only and does not reflect the formal approval by CEN or CEN member bodies. It should be noted that the interpretations are neither part of any standard nor have been referenced in the Official Journal of the European Union.

### 0.2 Requests for interpretation

Requests for interpretations may be submitted by a CEN member body through its national committee or by a CEN/TC 52 liaison (but not directly by an individual or a company) - in accordance with the interpretation protocols agreed by CEN/TC 52. The requests are then channelled to the relevant CEN/TC 52 working party, which will then deal with the request.

A request for an interpretation may lead to:

#### *a) An interpretation of the standard:*

This should reflect a reasonable interpretation of how the standard should be used, taking into account:

- 1) the wording of the standard;
- 2) the rationale of the standard;
- 3) the history of the standard.

#### *b) A no-action decision:*

This is applicable when it is agreed that the standard appropriately specifies how a toy shall be assessed.

#### *c) A proposal for an amendment of the standard:*

This is applicable when it is agreed that the standard is deficient in some way.

**NOTE** Interpretation and no-action decisions are published in the CEN/TR 15371 series, which will be updated on a regular basis.

Proposals for amendments will be progressed as new work item proposals in accordance with CEN rules.

### **0.3 Answers to requests for interpretations**

Since requests for interpretations are submitted through a CEN member body or a CEN/TC 52 liaison, it is assumed that they will keep themselves informed about decisions concerning the request and its progress and will themselves inform the originator of the request as appropriate.

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## 1 Scope

The purpose of this Technical Report is to provide replies to requests for interpretations of EN 71-1:2014, *Safety of toys — Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties*, EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014, *Safety of toys — Part 2: Flammability*, EN 71-8:2011, *Safety of toys — Part 8: Activity toys for domestic use* and EN 71-14:2014, *Safety of toys — Part 14: Trampolines for domestic use*.

## 2 EN 71-1:2014, Safety of toys – Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties

### 2.13.5 Ball (interpretation)

#### Question

The definition of a ball according to Clause 3.5 is:

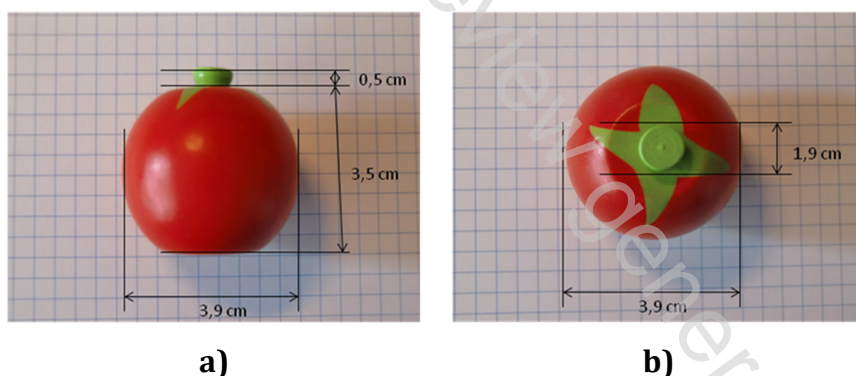
“Spherical, ovoid or ellipsoidal object, usually but not always designed or intended to be thrown, hit kicked, rolled, dropped or bounced”.

There is an additional note explaining the ball definition includes multisided objects formed by at least 48 connecting planes into a generally spherical, ovoid or ellipsoidal shape.

What about spherical, ovoid or ellipsoidal objects having small protrusions or projections?

See below some examples of toys intended for children under 3 years of age that have a generally spherical, ovoid or ellipsoidal shape but in addition have protrusions or projections.

Should they be considered as balls?



**Figure 1**

Ratio: minor/major axes = 90 % (green protrusion not counted) or 97,5 % (green protrusion counted)