

## Strengthening the Inspection of Formaldehyde Emission from Wooden Toys in Taiwan

Concerning the recent media report of the wooden toys containing formaldehyde content leading to the illness effect to the young children after playing, in order to safeguard the safety and health of the children when playing toys, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology & Inspection (BSMI) has informed relevant units to strengthen the inspection of formaldehyde emission from the imported and domestically made wooden toys <sup>1</sup>.



**According to Clause 5 (Material) of CNS 4797:2007 "Safety of Toys (General Requirements)", toys or toy accessories shall be made from non-toxic materials. Thus, toys made from any wooden materials shall conform to the formaldehyde emission requirement as specified in the standard CNS 1349:2006 "Plywood". Failure to comply with this formaldehyde emission requirement will be subject to the penalty of the Commodity Inspection Act and the products will not be allowed for sales in the market.**

BSMI reminds the toy importers and local manufacturers to pay attention to and to ensure their wooden toys conforming to the CNS standard of the formaldehyde emission requirement. When selecting wooden toys, parents are recommended to check against the Chinese labeling ensuring that the producer markings, country of origin, age grading, warnings, and major compositions, etc. are clearly marked. When playing with wooden toys, parents should first inspect the toys and stop the children from playing if any abnormal odour is found. To avoid any unnecessary hazard, children are recommended to build up the hand washing habit after playing toys.

<sup>1</sup> To access the full text of the press release of March 27, 2008 from BSMI, please visit:  
<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/bsmiGIP/wSite/ct?xItem=8522&ctNode=1195&mp=1>

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