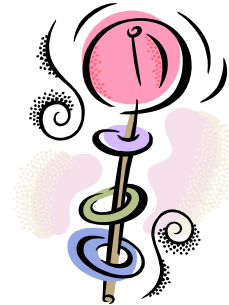


Implementation of ASTM F963-08, Toy Safety Standard

As of 10 February, 2009, the ASTM F963-07 toy safety standard became the mandatory requirement for toys in the United States through the reference to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), Public Law 110-314.

The new revision of ASTM F963-08 was approved at the end of last year and published on 17 February, 2009 to replace the previous edition of ASTM F963-07^{e1}. Major changes of requirements in the new ASTM F963-08 have been summarized and published in our recent STRHK newsletter [P0042009](#).



As required under Section 106(g) of the CPSIA, ASTM notified the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) the ASTM F963 had been revised and updated to ASTM F963-08 on the same day of its publication. The notification letter can be accessed through: <http://annex4.astm.org/BroadcastEmailAttachments/NordF963Ltr.pdf>

Unless the CPSC objects within 90 days, the ASTM F963-08 will become mandatory 180 days after the notification.

Important Event	Key Date
Publication of ASTM F963-08	17 February, 2009
ASTM Notification to CPSC for the revision of ASTM F963	17 February, 2009
Deadline for CPSC's objection	18 May, 2009
ASTM F963-08 to become mandatory without CPSC's objection	16 August, 2009

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