Brazil adopted New Toy Safety Standards

Brazil has passed its Ministerial Act N°108 of 13 June 2005, which adopted the Group Common Market (MERCOSUR) Resolution N°23/04 - Technical Standard on Toy Safety. All four Member States of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay) are obligated to transpose the Resolution into their national laws and implement no later than 31st Dec 2005.

MERCOSUR Resolution N°23/04 - Technical Standard on Toy Safety

The Resolution harmonized the essential requirements of safety of toys and testing standards and established new safety warning and labelling requirements as well. Toys may also be freely moved between the Member States if they acquired the product conformity certificate issued by a certification authority approved by the accreditation body and recognized by the regulatory body of the country of destination. The Resolution mainly composed of:

- Annex I: General
- Annex II: Products not regarded as toys;
- Annex III: Essential safety requirements for toys;
- Annex IV: Warnings and precautions;
- Annex V: Certification procedure;
- Annex VI: Guidelines for forming toy families;
- Annex VII: Marking or identification of toy replicas of firearms.

NBR 11786 will no longer be applied

The mandatory certification of imported and manufactured toys in Brazil was based on Brazilian Toy Safety Standard NBR 11786. However, by the end of 2005, toy safety standards NM 00300 (Part-1 to Part-6) shall replace NBR 11786 and become the only set of testing standards for the mandatory certification of toys for Brazil. Standards NM 00300 were published by the MERCOSUR Standardization Association, the references and titles of the standards are as follows:

- NM 00300-1:2002 Safety of toys. Part 1: General, mechanical and physical properties
- NM 00300-3:2002 Safety of toys. Part 3: Migration of certain elements
- NM 00300-4:2002 Safety of toys. Part 4: Chemical Games of experiments and related activities
- NM 00300-5:2002 Safety of toys. Part 5: Chemical games except games of experiments
- NM 00300-6:2002 Safety of toys. Part 6: Safety of electric toys

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