New Harmonised Standards for the General Product Safety Directive

A further 17 European safety standards now offer a presumption of conformity to the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD) 2001/95/EC, which covers the safety aspects of all products intended for or used by consumers that are not covered by other EU legislation. The GPSD requires that only safe products are placed on the market (the general safety requirement), and also covers post-market surveillance and recalls.

Products complying with these harmonised safety standards are now presumed to comply with the general safety requirement of the GPSD, but only for the risks covered by them. A similar presumption applies where national legislation covers safety aspects of the product. Although enforcement authorities may still challenge this presumption (said to be "rebuttable" in legal terms) if they believe that a compliant product still poses an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of people.

The consolidated list1 of harmonised standards follows, re-arranged per product group for ease of reference:

Children's Products (Child Use and Care Articles, Nursery Furniture etc)

- EN 1130-1:1996 - Furniture - Cribs and cradles for domestic use - Part 1: Safety requirements
- EN 1130-2:1996 - Furniture - Cribs and cradles for domestic use - Part 2: Test methods
- EN 1400-1:2002 - Child use and care articles - Soothers for babies and young children - Part 1: General safety requirements and product information
- EN 1400-2:2002 - Child use and care articles - Soothers for babies and young children - Part 2: Mechanical requirements and tests
- EN 1400-3:2002 - Child use and care articles - Soothers for babies and young children - Part 3: Chemical requirements and tests
- EN 1466:2004 - Child care articles - Carry cots and stands - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 12586:1999 - Child care articles - Soother holder - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 12586:1999/AC:2002
- EN 14344:2004 - Child use and care articles - Child seats for cycles - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 14350-1:2004 - Child use and care articles - Drinking equipment - Part 1: General and mechanical requirements and tests

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Furniture

- EN 1129-1:1995 - Furniture - Foldaway beds - Safety requirements and testing - Part 1: Safety requirements
- EN 1129-2:1995 - Furniture - Foldaway beds - Safety requirements and testing - Part 2: Test methods

Sports Equipment

- EN 913:1996 - Gymnastic equipment - General safety requirements and test methods
- EN 916:2003 - Gymnastic equipment - Vaulting boxes - Requirements and test methods including safety
- EN 1651:1999 - Paragliding equipment - Harnesses - Safety requirements and strength tests
- EN 12196:2003 - Gymnastic equipment - Horses and bucks - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 12197:1997 - Gymnastic equipment - Horizontal bars - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 12346:1998 - Gymnastic equipment - Wall bars, lattice ladders and climbing frames - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 12432:1998 - Gymnastic equipment - Balancing beams - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 12491:2001 - Paragliding equipment - Emergency parachutes - Safety requirements and test methods
- EN 12655:1998 - Gymnastic equipment - Hanging rings - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 13319:2000 - Diving accessories - Depth gauges and combined depth and time measuring devices - Functional and safety requirements, test methods
- EN 13899:2003 - Roller sports equipment - Roller skates - Safety requirements and test methods

Other Products

- EN 14059:2002 - Decorative oil lamps - Safety requirements and test methods

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