



Implications of New European Toy Directive (2009/48/EC) Toys Associated with Food

For products first placed on the European market from 20 July 2011 there will be new legal requirements for toys associated with food.

The directive states :

1) Toys contained within food or co-mingled with food must have their own packaging. This packaging, as it is supplied, must be of such dimensions as to prevent its being swallowed and/or inhaled. Such toys shall bear the following warning:

“Toy inside. Adult Supervision recommended”.

2) Toy packaging, which is spherical, egg-shaped or ellipsoidal, and any detachable parts of this or of cylindrical toy packaging with rounded ends, must be of such dimensions as to prevent it from causing airway obstruction by being wedged in the mouth or pharynx or lodged over the entrance to the lower airways.

3) Toys firmly attached to a food product at the moment of consumption, in such a way that the food product needs to be consumed in order to get direct access to the toy, shall be prohibited. Parts of toys otherwise directly attached to a food product shall fulfill the requirements set out in (Annex II 1,4) (c) and (d).

Guidance published by the European Commission indicates that :

The requirements apply regardless of age.

Toys within food must be contained within their own packaging which separates the toy from the food. That packaging must not fit within the small parts cylinder specified in EN 71-1

Certain shapes of packaging e.g. spherical, egg-shaped and detachable parts of it must not pass through Template E (small balls template) specified in EN 71-1. This also applies to the detachable parts of cylindrical toy packaging with rounded ends. (These requirements regarding certain shapes of packaging apply to all packaging and not only to packaging of toys associated with food).

Detachable parts are those which are produced following testing to EN 71-1 clause 5.1.

Products where the food has to be consumed in order to get direct access to the whole toy are prohibited. In cases where the toy is attached to the food but is accessible without consuming the food, the toy and its parts must not fit within the small parts cylinder or pass through Template E.

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