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Foreword

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0 Introduction

0.1 Interpretations and no-action decisions

This Technical Report contains replies to requests for interpretations concerning the understanding of clauses in EN 71-1:2011, EN 71-2:2011 and EN 71-8:2011. The replies concern those requests that have resulted in an interpretation or a decision that no action is required as the standard is sufficiently clear.

An interpretation does not have the same status as the text of the standard, nor can it overrule the text of the standard. However, following an interpretation should give assurance that the relevant clause of the standard has been correctly applied. An interpretation should only be regarded as a clarification of the meaning of the standard.

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A request for an interpretation may lead to

a) An interpretation of the standard

This should reflect a reasonable interpretation of how the standard should be used, taking into account

- the wording of the standard;
- the rationale of the standard;
- the history of the standard.

b) A no-action decision

This is applicable when it is agreed that the standard appropriately specifies how a toy shall be assessed.

c) A proposal for an amendment of the standard

This is applicable when it is agreed that the standard is deficient in some way.

NOTE Interpretation and no-action decisions are published in CEN/TR 15371, which will be updated on a regular basis.

Proposals for amendments will be progressed as new work item proposals in accordance with CEN rules.

0.3 Answers to requests for interpretations

Since requests for interpretations are submitted through a CEN member body or a CEN TC 52 liaison, it is assumed that they will keep themselves informed about decisions concerning the request and its progress and will themselves inform the originator of the request as appropriate.

1 Scope

The purpose of this Technical Report is to provide replies to requests for interpretations of EN 71-1:2011, *Safety of toys – Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties*, EN 71-2:2011, *Safety of toys – Part 2: Flammability* and EN 71-8:2011, *Safety of toys – Part 8: Activity toys for domestic use*.

2 EN 71-1:2011 – Safety of toys – Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties

2.1 3.11 Cord (no action decision)

Question

The question relates to 3.11 “cord” of EN 71-1.

The standard defines *cord* as:

“length of flexible textile or non-textile material including *elastic material*, monofilament polymeric material, *tape*, *ribbon*, rope, *strap*, woven and twisted material and string as well as certain weak and long *springs*”

Soft filled parts of a soft filled toy are not included by the definition of *cord*. Therefore, the requirements of 5.4 shall not be applied to those parts.

In the example provided, the tail of Figure 1 and the toy of Figure 3 are soft filled, while the tail of Figure 2 is not soft filled, therefore 5.4 is applicable only to the tail of Figure 2. Is it correct?



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Reply

Standard is clear. Soft-filled parts of toys are not cords as defined in the standard. The tail of the toy in Figure 2 is considered a cord because there is not stuffing material inside.

REQ 104-12 (UNI, Italy)

2.2 3.28 Fuzz (no action decision)

Question

The question relates to 3.28 “fuzz” of EN 71-1.

Some soft filled toys may have fur with long hairs, even longer than 50 mm. We do know that such hairs are not to be considered as monofilament fibres.

If the toy loses these hairs when pet (as per foreseeable use), as in the attached picture, even in great amount, is it correct to consider these hairs included in the definition of fuzz, therefore excluding them from the requirements of 5.1?