

Expert group on toy safety

Activity report 2011

In 2011, 2 meetings of the Expert group on Toy safety were organised. The first meeting took place on 4&5 April 2011, and the second one on 10&11 October 2011.

Competent authorities under Directive 2009/48/EC, EFTA Member States, authorities from candidate countries and stakeholders participated in the meetings. The meetings were chaired by the Commission's services responsible for toy safety.

The Expert group on toy safety discussed and adopted guidelines on the implementation of the new Toy safety directive 2009/48/EC, and amended the guidelines on the how to establish a safety assessment and a technical documentation for toys to be placed on the EU market. Further more, the Expert group discussed and adopted guidelines related to the classification of products as toys, according to the toy safety legislation. All these guidelines are available on DG Enterprise and Industry website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/documents/guidance/index_en.htm

The Expert group on toy safety clarified several issues related to market surveillance, in order to achieve a common implementation of the toy safety legislation within the internal market.

During the meetings, the experts received feedback on the standardisation process related to toy safety from CEN and CENELEC, the European standardisation bodies.

For 2012, 2 meetings are foreseen, one in April 2012 and a second one in September 2012.