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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS-018, Safety of Children's Toys.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (January 2010). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure, or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to provide toxicity requirements for toys and toxicity labelling requirements for certain materials used in toys.

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3696 Water for analytical laboratory use— Specification and test methods	—

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INTRODUCTION

The requirements of this part of ISO 8124 are based on the bioavailability of certain elements resulting from the use of toys and should not, as an objective, exceed the following levels per day:

- 1,4 µg for antimony¹⁾;
- 0,1 µg for arsenic;
- 25,0 µg for barium;
- 0,6 µg for cadmium;
- 0,3 µg for chromium;
- 0,7 µg for lead;
- 0,5 µg for mercury;
- 5,0 µg for selenium.

For the interpretation of these values it has been necessary to identify an upper limit for the ingestion of toy material. Very limited data have been available for identifying this upper limit. As a working hypothesis, a summed average daily intake of the various toy materials has been gauged at the currently accepted value of 8 mg/d, being aware that in certain individual cases these values might be exceeded.

Combining the daily intake with the bioavailability values listed above, limits are obtained for various toxic elements in micrograms per gram of toy material (milligrams per kilogram) and are detailed in table 1. The values obtained have been adjusted to minimize children's exposure to toxic elements in toys and to ensure analytical feasibility, taking into account limits achievable under current manufacturing conditions (see annex D).

1) This level differs from the level of 0,2 µg given in EN 71-3:1994.

AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

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Safety of toys**Part 3: Migration of certain elements (ISO 8124.3:1997, MOD)****1 Scope**

1.1 This part of ISO 8124 specifies maximum acceptable levels and methods of sampling and extraction prior to analysis for the migration of the elements antimony, arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury and selenium from toy materials and from parts of toys, except materials not accessible (see ISO 8124-1).

1.2 Maximum acceptable levels are specified for the migration of the elements listed in 1.1 from the following toy materials:

- coatings of paints, varnishes, lacquers, printing inks, polymers and similar coatings (see 8.1);
- polymeric and similar materials, including laminates, whether textile-reinforced or not, but excluding other textiles (see 8.2);
- paper and paper board, up to a maximum mass per unit area of 400 g/m² (see 8.3);
- natural or synthetic textiles (see 8.4);
- glass/ceramic/metallic materials, excepting lead solder when used for electrical connections (see 8.5);
- other materials, whether mass-coloured or not (e.g. wood, fibreboard, hardboard, bone and leather) (see 8.6);
- materials intended to leave a trace (e.g. the graphite materials in pencils and liquid ink in pens) (see 8.7);
- pliable modelling materials, including modelling clays, and gels (see 8.8);
- paints to be used as such in the toy, including finger paints, varnishes, lacquers, glazing powders and similar materials in solid or liquid form (see 8.9).

1.3 For the purposes of this part of ISO 8124, the following criteria are considered appropriate in the categorization of toys which can be sucked, licked or swallowed:

- all intended food/oral contact toys, cosmetic toys and writing instruments categorized as toys;
- toys intended for children up to six years of age, i.e. all accessible parts and components where there is a probability that those parts or components may come into contact with the mouth (see annex D).

Toys and parts of toys which, due to their accessibility, function, mass, size or other characteristics, obviously exclude any hazard due to sucking, licking or swallowing, bearing in mind the normal and foreseeable behaviour of children, are not covered by this part of ISO 8124.