



EU toys directive further tightened lead limit

27 April 2017, EU Official Journal L 110/6 published COUNCIL DIRECTIVE (EU) 2017/738, amending Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys, as regards lead. Lead requirements before and after amending as below:

Category	Material	2009/48/EC Previous migration lead limit (mg/kg)	EU 2017/738 Lead limit after amending (mg/kg)
I	Dry, brittle, powder like or pliable materials	13.5	2.0
II	Liquid or sticky materials	3.4	0.5
III	Scraped-off materials	160	23

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. And those provisions will be applied from 28 October 2018.

EU Member States shall adopt and publish, by 28 October 2018 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive.

HCT SOLUTIONS:

After amending, the lead migration limit in EU will be stricter than the 90ppm requirements set in ASTM F963 & ISO 8124. Enterprises may face stricter requirements in sourcing raw materials. We suggest companies to adopt the compliance products in purchasing period to lower the product risk. For liquid and powder, MSDS could be used to previous evaluate the product risk.

HCT has the CNAS capability to help provide related toy testing to customers as well as provide the update information training services.

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