



Children's products

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## EU proposed to amend toys directive chromium content

6 September 2017, European Commission passed the notification G/TBT/N/EU/504 to WTO, proposed to amend chromium content in toys directive 2009/48/EC.

According to the draft, Point 3, Part III of Annex II to EU toy safety directive will be replaced by below:

	In dry, brittle, powder-like or pliable toy material	In liquid or sticky toy material	In scraped-off toy material
Current chromium requirement	0.02 mg/kg	0.005 mg/kg	0.2 mg/kg
Proposed chromium requirement	0.02 mg/kg	0.005 mg/kg	0.053 mg/kg

### Other related notification information:

<b>Products covered:</b> Children's toys, i.e. products designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age.
<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> First quarter of 2018
<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Third quarter of 2019
<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification

### HCT SOLUTIONS:

- This update only concerns about the scraped-off toy material, requirements to other two categories of materials do not change
- Hexavalent chromium is toxic for swallowing or inhalation, skin contact may lead to allergies, and most likely to cause genetic defects, inhalation may cause cancer.
- Related enterprises should pay attention to the updates and apply measures in advance to ensure safe export
- For more toys related laws and regulations update information, please contact us.



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