

ACCC Updates Safety Standards for Projectile Toys and Aquatic Toys

On 2020-06-03, following two mandatory safety standards were published in Australia, prescribing requirements under the Australian Consumer Law, for the control of the Projectile Toys and Aquatic Toys.

Mandatory Standard	Purpose
Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Safety Standard 2020	Intended to reduce the risk of choking, eye injuries and flesh wounds during play
Consumer Goods (Aquatic Toys) Safety Standard 2020	Help to better protect children using inflatable aquatic toys in and around water

Significance:

Comparing with the previous versions, the updated standards now allow suppliers to comply with either the latest Australian voluntary standard (AS/NZS) or the trusted overseas standards as described below:

Section*	Toys must comply with the relevant sections in one of the following specified standards
Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Safety Standard 2020	
9	AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2019 Safety of toys Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties
10	EN 71-1:2014 + A1:2018: Safety of toys -- Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties
11	ISO 8124-1:2018 Safety of toys -- Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties
12	ASTM F963-17 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety
Consumer Goods (Aquatic Toys) Safety Standard 2020	
10	AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2019 Safety of toys Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties
11	ISO 8124-1:2018 Safety of toys - Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties

*sections that describe the standards with details of the modifications, if any.

Transition Periods:

Date	Option
Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Safety Standard 2020	
< 2021-06-11	suppliers have the option to comply with the requirements from either the Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Safety Standard 2020 or Consumer Protection Notice No. 16 of 2010 (Consumer Product Safety Standard for Children's Projectile Toys)
≥ 2021-06-11	suppliers must only comply with the requirements in the Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Safety Standard 2020
Consumer Goods (Aquatic Toys) Safety Standard 2020	
< 2022-06-12	suppliers have the option to comply with the requirements from either the Consumer Goods (Aquatic Toys) Safety Standard 2020 or the Consumer Protection Notice No. 2 of 2009 (Consumer Product Safety Standard for Flotation Toys and Aquatic Toys)
≥ 2022-06-12	suppliers must only comply with the requirements in the Consumer Goods (Aquatic Toys) Safety Standard 2020

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Warning Requirements:

Consumer Goods (Projectile Toys) Safety Standard 2020

If a projectile toy is capable of launching a projectile more than 300 millimetres, the packaging and instructions accompanying the projectile toy must include a statement to the following effect:

WARNING: Do not aim at eyes or face

Consumer Goods (Aquatic Toys) Safety Standard 2020

Aquatic toys must carry a warning in accordance with the mandatory standard.

The words of the warning must be:

- in English
- clearly legible
- clearly visible
- indelible

Advertising copy or graphics shall not state or imply that a child will be safe if left unsupervised with an aquatic toy.

References:

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/standards/projectile-toys>

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/standards/aquatic-toys>

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L00687>

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