

UK INTERPRETATIONS GROUP

The BTHA's interpretations group consisting of BTHA members, test laboratories, manufacturers, importers and retailers has agreed upon the following interpretation.

Interpretation no.	096P
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Standard/Directive	EN71-1: 2011
Clause No	5.2
Clause Title	Soft-filled toys and soft-filled parts of a toy

Question

The EC interpretational guidance document provides guidance on craft kits and toys.

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/toys/files/guidance-documents/guidance_document_on_crafts_en.pdf

A soft toy craft kit (e.g. one that makes a toy animal) is considered to be within the scope of the Toys directive.

Within the scope of EN71-1 it states that soft filled toys with simple features intended for holding and cuddling are considered as toys intended for children under 36 months.

EN71-1 Clause 5.2 requires that the filling shall have at least one covering so that after being tested to 8.4.2.2 a) (tension test, seam and materials) it shall not be possible to insert the front part of 'probe A' through any one opening in the seam or cover material.

Does this mean that for craft kits which create 'soft filled toys', the filling material provided with must be received in a bag complying with the above?

Interpretations Group Answer /Action

See EN71-1 clause 4.2 Assembly - does not apply to finished product only to individual parts when being made by a child.

CEN Actions

CEN input not required