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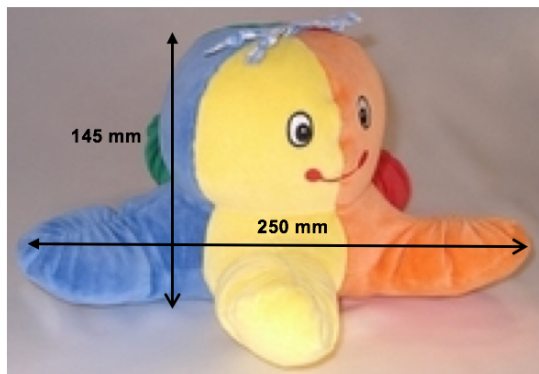
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Clause No	5.5.3
Clause Title	Test for Soft Filled Toys

Question

Clause 5.5.3 requires that the toy is positioned vertically " *i.e. with the head uppermost, if it has one, or otherwise so that the toy presents the maximum unhindered soft-filled vertical area of its surface to the spread of flame.*"

Does the phrase "or otherwise" permit a toy with a head to be positioned such that the head is not uppermost in order that the toy presents the maximum unhindered soft-filled vertical area?

For example the octopus toy shown in picture 1 has a maximum unhindered vertical dimension of 250 mm when positioned with its legs vertically orientated. With its head uppermost the maximum distance is 145 mm which means that no testing would be performed.



Interpretations Group Answer /Action

Clause 4.5 seeks a most onerous situation when testing soft-filled toys and it would therefore be consistent with this objective for the maximum dimension of the soft-filled part, to be positioned vertically for the test.

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