

ADDENDUM

to the Directive 2005/84/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 amending for the 22nd time Council Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (phthalates in toys and childcare articles)

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The following Statements are added:

1. Statement by the Commission concerning the guidance document

As soon as the Directive relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of phthalates in toys and childcare articles (22nd amendment of Council Directive 76/769/EEC relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous preparations) is adopted, the Commission, in consultation with Member States'experts responsible for the management of Directive 76/769/EEC and stakeholders, will prepare a guidance document in order to facilitate the implementation of the Directive. The document will address in particular the provisions on restrictions of certain substances in toys and childcare articles intended for children insofar as they concern the condition 'which can be placed in the mouth' as specified in the annex to the Directive.

In the context of this work, the aspects related to 'accessible' plasticized material and 'handheld' toys will be examined.

2. Statement concerning fragrances

The Commission confirms its intention to address the issue of fragrances in toys in the framework of the revision of Council Directive 88/378/EEC on the safety of toys. This will have the advantage to identify exactly what should be understood as fragrances, consider the appropriate measures to deal with the risks identified and ensure consistency with the other legislative provisions of the said Directive.
