
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 6 of Article 2 of Directive [2008/112/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Council Directives [76/768/EEC](#), [88/378/EEC](#), [1999/13/EC](#) and Directives [2000/53/EC](#), [2002/96/EC](#) and [2004/42/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to adapt them to Regulation (EC) No [1272/2008](#) on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (O.J. No L 345, 23.12.2008, p.68), by amending the Toys (Safety) Regulations 1995 ([S.I. 1995/204](#)) (“the 1995 Regulations”). Regulation (EC) [1272/2008](#) (O.J. L 353, 31.12.2008, p.1) provides for the harmonisation of the classification and labelling of substances and mixtures by aligning existing EU legislation with the United Nations Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

The 1995 Regulations implemented Council Directive [88/378/EEC](#) of 3 May 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the safety of toys (OJNo. L 187, 16.7.88, p.1), as amended by Council Directive [93/68/EEC](#) of 22 July 1993 amending Directive [88/378/EEC](#) and other directives (OJ No. L 220, 30.8.93, p.1).

Regulation 2 of these Regulations makes amendments to the 1995 Regulations which take effect on 27th August 2010, and regulation 3 makes amendments to the 1995 Regulations which take effect on 1st December 2010. The amendments relate to the essential safety requirements for toys and to the warnings and indications of precautions to be taken when using toys.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

A transposition note is available from the website of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (www.bis.gov.uk). A copy is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website (www.opsi.gov.uk). A copy has also been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.