Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2019 gazetted

The Government today (March 29) published in the Gazette the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2019. The Notice seeks to update the safety standards for toys and five classes of children's products listed in Schedule 2 (Schedule 2 products), namely "child safety barriers for domestic use", "children's cots for domestic use", "children's high chairs and multi-purpose high chairs for domestic use", "children's paints" and "playpens for domestic use", under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap 424).

The Notice will come into operation on October 1, 2019.

The Ordinance stipulates that a person must not manufacture, import or supply a toy or Schedule 2 product unless it complies with all the applicable requirements contained in any one set of the safety standards specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Ordinance. These standards are international standards or standards adopted by major economies. The Government keeps in view updates or amendments to the safety standards made by the standards institutions concerned and, as a regular exercise, applies up-to-date, operative versions to products supplied in Hong Kong. The last update was made in 2018.

The standards institutions concerned have updated or amended the specified standards for toys and for five classes of Schedule 2 products. The Notice seeks to apply the updated or amended standards.