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Introduction

This document is intended to reduce the risks and health hazards to children when chemical toys are used as intended or in a foreseeable way, bearing in mind the behaviour of children.

When using these chemical toys, potential risks should be kept to a minimum by the inclusion of appropriate information drawing attention to possible hazards, risks and other problems.

The Chemical Abstract Service Registry Numbers (CAS) and European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Numbers (EINECS) given in various tables are provided for information purposes only.

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Safety of toys —

Part 11: Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for the substances and materials used in chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets. These substances and mixtures are:

- those classified as dangerous by the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)^[1];
- substances and mixtures which in excessive amounts could harm the health of the children using them and which are not classified as dangerous by the GHS; and
- any other chemical substance(s) and mixture(s) delivered with the chemical toy.

Additionally, requirements are specified for markings, warnings, safety rules, contents lists, instructions for use and first aid information.

This document applies to:

- plaster of Paris (gypsum) moulding sets;
- oven-hardening plasticised PVC modelling clay sets;
- polystyrene granules sets;
- embedding sets;
- adhesives, paints, lacquers, varnishes, thinners and cleaning agents (solvents) supplied or recommended in model sets.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3104, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity*

ISO 3219, *Plastics — Polymers/resins in the liquid state or as emulsions or dispersions — Determination of viscosity using a rotational viscometer with defined shear rate*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 22854, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of hydrocarbon types and oxygenates in automotive-motor gasoline and in ethanol (E85) automotive fuel — Multidimensional gas chromatography method*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

chemical toy

toy intended for the direct handling of chemical substances and mixtures and which is used in a manner appropriate to a given age-group and under the supervision of an adult

[SOURCE: ISO 8124-2:2014, 3.1]

3.2

experimental set

chemical toy (3.1) in which the experimental and explorative character in playing with single chemical substances and mixtures is guided by strict instructions that dominate over the creative ideas of the user

3.3

plaster of Paris (gypsum) moulding set

toy containing moulds into which a mixture of water and gypsum is poured and allowed to harden

Note 1 to entry: The gypsum consists predominantly of calcium sulfate hemihydrate $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 0,5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Note 2 to entry: Plaster of Paris (gypsum) moulding sets are used, for example, for preparing figures and plates.

3.4

oven-hardening plasticised PVC modelling clay set

toy to be used for creating all kinds of figures, brooches and fashion jewellery, prepared by hardening in the oven at temperatures of 100 °C to 130 °C

3.5

polystyrene granules set

toy to be used in substitution of ceramic materials to create decorative articles or models by fusion of a polymer by heating in an oven up to a maximum of 180 °C

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3.6

embedding set

toy to be used to preserve certain products in a transparent material

3.7

model set

product used to assemble and coat models which are supplied with or recommend *adhesives* (3.8), *paints or lacquers* (3.9 and 3.10), *varnishes* (3.11), *thinners and cleaning agents* (3.12)

Note 1 to entry: Examples for these models include motorcars, aeroplanes, houses and ships.

3.8

adhesive

non-metallic substance capable of joining materials by surface bonding (adhesion) and the bond possessing adequate internal strength (cohesion)

3.9

water-based paint or lacquer

water-based pigmented material which, when applied in a liquid form to a surface, eventually forms a dry adherent film or coating

3.10

solvent-based paint or lacquer

solvent-based pigmented material which, when applied in a liquid form to a surface, eventually forms a dry adherent film or coating

3.11**varnish**

low-viscosity lacquer

3.12**thinners and cleaning agents****solvents**

products which are intended to obtain the required viscosity of paints and lacquers and to clean tools and brushes

4 Plaster of Paris (gypsum) moulding sets**4.1 Marking**

See [D.2](#) and [D.3](#).

The primary packaging shall, in addition to the marking required in [Clause 9](#), bear the following:

“Warning! Not suitable for children under (*) years. For use under adult supervision. Read the instructions before use, follow them and keep them for reference.”

(*) The age is to be specified by the manufacturer, authorized representative or importer. It shall not be below 5 years.

4.2 First aid information

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the general first aid information in [9.2 d](#)), contain the following:

- “In case of eye contact: Wash out eye with plenty of water, holding eye open. Seek immediate medical advice.”
- “If swallowed: Wash out mouth with water, drink some fresh water. Do not induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical advice.”

4.3 Safety rules

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the rules required in [9.4](#), contain the following safety rules:

- “Do not place the material in the mouth.”
- “Do not inhale dust or powder.”
- “Do not apply to the body.”

5 Oven-hardening plasticised PVC modelling clay sets**5.1 Chemical substances**

See [D.4](#).

These modelling clay sets shall consist of PVC (polyvinylchloride) and plasticisers and may contain modifiers, fillers (e.g. China clay) and colourants. Only plasticisers given in [Table 1](#) shall be used.

The mass fraction of plasticisers in the mixture shall not exceed 30 %.

The vinyl chloride monomer content shall be below 1 mg/kg.

Table 1 — Plasticisers in oven-hardening plasticised PVC modelling clay sets

Chemical substance	CAS number
Adipic acid polyesters	various
Alkylsulfonic acid esters (C ₁₂ to C ₂₀) of phenol	91082-17-6
Di(isononyl) cyclohexane-1,2-dicarboxylate (DINCH)	166412-78-8
Tributyl acetylacrylate	77-90-7
Tris(2-ethylhexyl) acetylacrylate	144-15-0

During heating of these materials at the maximum permitted temperature and duration, the limits given in [Table 2](#) shall not be exceeded for the emission of the listed toxic substances when tested according to [10.3](#).

Table 2 — Limits for the emission of substances from oven-hardening plasticised PVC modelling clay sets and polystyrene granules sets during heating

Substance	Limit mg/kg
Benzene	5
Toluene	15
Xylenes	25

5.2 Marking

See [D.2](#) and [D.3](#).

The primary packaging shall, in addition to the marking required in [Clause 9](#), bear the following warning:

“Warning! Not suitable for children under (*) years. For use under adult supervision. Read the instructions before use, follow them and keep them for reference.”

(*) The age is to be specified by the manufacturer, authorized representative or importer. It shall not be below 8 years.

5.3 First aid information

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the general first aid information in [9.2 d\)](#), contain the following:

- “In case of accidental overheating and inhalation of poisonous gases: Remove person to fresh air and seek immediate medical advice.”

5.4 Safety rules

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the rules required in [9.4](#), contain the following safety rules:

- “Do not place the material in the mouth.”
- “Do not exceed a hardening temperature of 130 °C or harmful gases may be produced.”
- “Do not exceed a hardening time of 30 minutes.”
- “The hardening process is not part of the function of the toy and should be carried out by the supervising adult.”
- “Use a domestic oven thermometer, e.g. bimetal, to measure the temperature.”

- “Do not use a glass thermometer.”
- “Do not heat the material and cook food at the same time in a domestic oven.”
- “Do not use a microwave oven.”

6 Moulding sets

6.1 Polystyrene granules sets

6.1.1 Chemical substances

These sets shall contain uncoloured and coloured polystyrene granules in accordance with [Table 3](#).

Table 3 — Polystyrene

Chemical substance	CAS number	EINECS number
Polystyrene with monomer content of styrene \leq 500 mg/kg	9003-53-6	—

6.1.2 Marking

See [D.2](#) and [D.3](#).

The primary packaging shall, in addition to the marking required in [Clause 9](#), bear the following warnings:

“Warning! Not suitable for children under (*) years. For use under adult supervision. Read the instructions before use, follow them and keep them for reference.”

(*) The age is to be specified by the manufacturer, authorized representative or importer. It shall not be below 10 years.

6.1.3 First aid information

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the general first aid information in [9.2 d\)](#), contain the following:

- “In case of accidental overheating and inhalation of poisonous gases: Remove person to fresh air and seek immediate medical advice.”

6.1.4 Safety rules

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the rules required in [9.4](#), contain the following safety rules:

- “Do not exceed a melting temperature of 180 °C.”
- “The melting process is not part of the function of the toy and should be carried out by the supervising adult.”
- “Use a domestic oven thermometer, e.g. bimetal, to measure the temperature.”
- “Do not swallow material.”
- “Do not heat the material and cook food at the same time in a domestic oven.”
- “Do not use a glass thermometer.”
- “Do not exceed the maximum recommended processing period.”
- “Do not use a microwave oven.”

6.2 Embedding sets

6.2.1 General

See [D.5](#).

Only preservatives permitted in foodstuffs and/or cosmetics, except those preservatives which are only allowed in cosmetic products that are rinsed off after use, shall be used.

NOTE 1 Examples of information on preservatives permitted in cosmetics in Europe and the United States are provided in References [\[4\]](#) and [\[5\]](#).

Other substances classified as dangerous substances (see Reference [\[1\]](#)) shall not be used in embedding sets.

NOTE 2 Substances such as gelatine or agar could be utilized with suitable preservation.

6.2.2 Packaging

See [D.2](#).

The name(s) of any preservative(s) used shall be indicated on the primary packaging.

6.2.3 Marking

See [D.3](#).

The packaging shall, in addition to the marking required in [Clause 9](#), bear the following warnings:

“Warning! Not suitable for children under (*) years. For use under adult supervision. Read the instructions before use, follow them and keep them for reference.”

(*) The age is to be specified by the manufacturer, authorized representative or importer. It shall not be below 5 years.

6.2.4 First aid information

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the general first aid information in [9.2 d\)](#), contain the following:

- “If swallowed: Wash out mouth with water, drink some fresh water. Do not induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical advice.”

6.2.5 Safety rules

The instructions for use shall, in addition to the rules required in [9.4](#), contain the following safety rule:

- “Do not place the preserved material in the mouth.”

7 Adhesives, paints, lacquers, varnishes, thinners and cleaning agents (solvents) supplied or recommended in model sets

7.1 General

Adhesives, paints, lacquers, varnishes, thinners and cleaning agents (solvents) supplied in model sets shall conform with the requirements in [Clause 7](#). The instructions included in the set shall mention only adhesives, paints, lacquers, varnishes, thinners and cleaning agents (solvents) that conform with the requirements in [Clause 7](#).