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All Toys (General)	Current versions of AS/NZS ISO 8124.1, EN 71-1 or ASTM F963	Standards New Zealand	Aus / NZ Standard for Mechanical and Physical Properties of Toys	Yes	No	
	Current versions of AS/NZS ISO 8124.2 or EN 71-2 or ASTM F963	Standards New Zealand	Aus / NZ Standard for Flammability of Toys	No	No	
	Current Versions of SA/NZS ISO TR 8124.8 or the CPSC Guidelines for Age Grade Determination	Standards New Zealand	Aus / NZ Standard for Migration of Certain Elements (Heavy Metals)	No	No	
	Current Versions of SA/NZS ISO TR 8124.8 or the CPSC Guidelines for Age Grade Determination	Standards Australia	Aus / NZ guidelines for age grade determination	No	No	Important for understanding the application of requirements in other Standards
	AS/NZS 8124.9 10 & 11:2008	Standards New Zealand	Aus / NZ Standard for Organic requirements, sample preparation and methods of analysis	No	No	
	Unsafe Goods Notice (Lead in Children's Toys) Indefinite Prohibition Notice 2009	Commerce Commission	Declaration of Unsafe Goods - Lead in Toys References limits and test procedures of AS/NZS ISO 8124.3:2003 Note: EN71-3:1994/A1:2000/AC:2002 is equivalent and also acceptable	No	Yes	
Products that are, or include substances	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996	Environmental Protection Authority	Hazardous Substances must be assigned to a suitable group standard or have individual chemical approvals in the NZIoC	Yes	Yes	
Cosmetics - (Including tattoos and anything applied to the skin)	Cosmetics Product Group Standard 2020 - As amended in January 2024	Environmental Protection Authority	Cosmetics and toiletries ingredient Labelling, etc Applies also to non-hazardous cosmetic materials that contain an ingredient classified as hazardous	Yes	Yes	
Graphics materials	Graphic Materials Group Standard 2020	Environmental Protection Authority	Sets maximum leachable amounts of heavy metals In line with AS/NZS ISO 8124.3 until March 2025 Requires conformity with EN 71-3 from March 2025	No	Yes	
Materials that may contain asbestos, e.g. crayons and fingerprint powder	Imports and Exports (Asbestos-containing Products) Prohibition Order 2016	Environmental Protection Authority	The importation of asbestos-containing products is prohibited unless the importation is authorized by a permit	No	Yes	
Electrical & Electronic Toys						
EMC and Radiocommunications						
All electrical and electronic product	Radiocommunications (Compliance) Notice 2020	RSM	Specifies documentation and labelling requirements for EMC and Radiocommunications compliance Note that labelling and a DoC is not required for products that can only be powered by batteries (except intentional emitters) Intentional emitters may require the R-NZ label instead of the RCM, depending on the frequency	Yes	Yes	
All product that does not intentionally transmit radio frequencies	Radiocommunications (EMC Standards) Notice 2019	RSM	Specifies conformity levels and applicable standards	Yes	Yes	
	AS/NZS CISPR 14.1	Standards New Zealand	Household appliances, electric tools and similar apparatus - EMC compatibility requirements	Yes	No	Examples of applicable standards by product Needed to comply with the Radiocommunications Notice
	AS/NZS CISPR 15	Standards New Zealand	Electrical lighting and similar equipment - Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics	Yes	No	
	AS/NZS CISPR 22	Standards New Zealand	Information technology equipment - Radio disturbance characteristics Limits and methods of measurement	Yes	No	
	AS/NZS 61000.6.3	Standards New Zealand	Products without a specific EMC Standard - Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6.3: Generic standards – Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments	Yes	No	
Radio Transmitters	Radiocommunications Regulations (Radio Standards) Notice 2023	RSM	Specifies conformity levels and applicable standards	Yes	Yes	
	Radiocommunications Regulations (General User Radio Licence for Short Range Devices) Notice 2020	RSM	Specifies maximum power and special conditions for general use of frequencies by short range devices	Yes	Yes	
	AS/NZS 4268	Standards New Zealand	Radio Equipment and Systems - Technical Characteristics and Test Methods	Yes	No	Example of applicable standard Needed to comply with the Radiocommunications Notice

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Electrical & Electronic Toys Electrical Safety						
General	Electrical (Safety) Regulations 2010	MBIE and WorkSafe	Electrical Safety of Declared and Non-declared articles - All electrical equipment must comply with an applicable standard - Declared Medium Risk articles must have a valid Supplier Declaration of Conformity or be approved and registered under the EESS - Declared High Risk articles must be approved by Worksafe or be approved and registered under the EESS	Yes	Yes	
	AS/NZS 3820	Standards New Zealand	Electrical Safety Requirements for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment	Yes	Yes	Called up by Energy Safety Regulation
Toys	AS/NZS 62115:2018	Standards New Zealand	Electrical Safety Requirements for toys	Yes	Yes	Declared medium risk item
Rechargeable Lithium-ion/polymer batteries	IEC 62133	IEC	Safety of rechargeable lithium batteries Requirements to protect against thermal runaway. Ensure that clause 5.4 Temperature, voltage and current management, has been tested for the specific configuration in which the battery is being used.	Yes	Yes	Declared medium risk item May be called up in product specific standards that use rechargeable lithium batteries, e.g., in 62115 for toys
Battery-powered self-balancing personal transport device	AS/NZS 60335.1	Standards New Zealand	General requirements for electrical appliances	Yes	Yes	Declared medium risk item
Power supplies or chargers	AS/NZS 61558 or 60335.2.29 as appropriate	Standards New Zealand	Requirements for power supplies Requirements for battery chargers	Yes	Yes	Declared high risk items
Products with button batteries	Government policy statement on Button Batteries	Commerce Commission	Sets criteria for products requiring button batteries to be considered safe	No	No	Breaches of the guidance will support the need for mandatory regulation
Electrical & Electronic Toys Energy Efficiency						
Toys with External Power Supplies	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2000	EECA	External power supplies must meet or exceed the requirements of Performance mark III as specified in AS/NZS 4665 parts 1 and 2 – 2005 Nameplate to be marked with indication of energy performance Products must be registered on the Energy rating website Sales, import and export data must be provided to EECA	Yes	Yes	Online registration is available at www.energyrating.gov.au
Activity Toys	Current versions of AS/NZS ISO 8124.6 or EN 71-8	Standards New Zealand	Aus / NZ Standard for swings, slides and similar activity toys for indoor and outdoor family domestic use.	Yes	No	
Products with magnets	Unsafe Goods (Small High Powered Magnets) Indefinite Prohibition Notice 2014	Commerce Commission	Bans separable or loose magnetic objects in multiples of 2 or more where the objects fit in the small parts cylinder, have a flux index greater than 50 kG ² mm ² and are supplied as a toy, game or puzzle (including those for adults), construction kit or jewellery to be worn in or around the mouth or nose	Yes	Yes	
Textile products, e.g. Disguise costumes and Garments	Consumer Information Standards (Care Labelling) Regulations 2000	Commerce Commission	Based on AS/NZS 1957:1998 Provision of instructions for correct care and maintenance	Yes	Yes	
	Consumer Information Standards (Fibre Content Labelling) Regulations 2000	Commerce Commission	Based on AS/NZS 2622:1996 Fibre content labelling	Yes	Yes	
	Consumer Information Standards (Country of Origin (Clothing and Footwear) Labelling) Regulations 1992	Commerce Commission	Requires a label in English, not less than 1.5 mm high identifying the country where the clothing or footwear was made	Yes	Yes	
	Government policy statement on Formaldehyde in clothing and textiles	Commerce Commission	Sets acceptable limits for formaldehyde in various textiles	No	No	Breaches of the guidance will support the need for mandatory regulation
Toys for Children Aged less than 36 Mths	Product Safety Standards (Children's Toys) Regulations 2005	Commerce Commission	Based on AS/NZS ISO 8124-1:2002 - Small parts and Shape, size and strength of certain toys requirements	No	Yes	
Toys including Food or Toy Food	Food Standards Code	FSNZ	Includes labelling, material requirements etc.	Yes	Yes	
Toys sold by measure, e.g. compounds	Weights and Measures Act 1987	Commerce Commission	Weights and Measures Requirements Permissible (metric) units of measurement	Yes	Yes	

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Children's nightwear and limited daywear having reduced fire hazard	Product Safety Standards (Children's Nightwear and Limited Daywear having reduced Fire Hazard) Regulations 2016	Commerce Commission	Applies to children's nightwear and limited daywear and requires the clothing to meet AS/NZS 1249:2014	Yes	Yes	
Baby Walkers	Product Safety Standards (Baby Walkers) Regulations 2001	Commerce Commission	Requires baby walkers to meet provisions of ASTM F977-03	Yes	Yes	
Cots - Household use	Product Safety Standards (Household Cots) Regulations 2005	Commerce Commission	This requires cots to meet provisions of AS/NZS 2172:2003. This regulation mirrors that in Australia	Yes	Yes	
Inclined Infant Sleep Products	Unsafe Goods (Inclined Infant Sleep Products) Amendment Notice 2020	Commerce Commission	Declares infant sleep products intended for children under 1 year old and inclined at more than 7 degrees to be unsafe goods	Yes	Yes	
Bicycles for normal road use	Product Safety Standards (Pedal Bicycles) Regulations 2000	Commerce Commission	This requires bicycles in NZ to comply with AS/NZS 1927:1998. The regulations specifically exclude 2nd hand bicycles	Yes	Yes	
	AS/NZS 1927	Standards New Zealand	Safety requirements for pedal bicycles with a wheelbase 640 mm and greater	Yes	No	
Children's bicycles	ISO 8098 or US 16 CFR 1512	Various	Safety requirements for pedal bicycles with a saddle height > 435 mm and wheelbase < 640 mm	Yes	No	

DISCLAIMER

The above grid is a guide to the relevant Product Safety Regulations and Standards in New Zealand for particular products.

It shows where to find the requirements, not the requirements themselves.

The grid shows that while all toys should meet the requirements of the Mechanical & Physical Properties, Toxicological and Flammability Standards, there are other specific requirements that affect only product with particular characteristics e.g. products with magnets must meet the Unsafe Goods (Small High Powered Magnets) Indefinite Prohibition Notice 2014

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Commerce Commission product safety standards

Product Safety New Zealand

Voluntary Standards

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<https://www.productsafety.govt.nz/for-businesses/making-sure-products-are-safe>

<https://www.standards.govt.nz/search/doSearch?filterby=standards>