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1. Requirements of toy safety in Japan which are corresponding to the EN71-1,2 and 3, safety requirements for toys intended for children under the age of 14 in Europe, are as follows:

(1) Legal requirements

Some toys intended for children under the age of six (6) which are designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan, must satisfy the legal requirements of the Food Sanitation Law.

(The above requirements of the Food Sanitation Law concerning toy safety correspond to some parts of the EN 71-3.

However, the EN 71-3 does not cover all the requirements of the Food Sanitation Law.)

(2) Voluntary Standard

The Toy Safety Standard (the ST Standard) which is published and maintained by the Japan Toy Association is as follows:

(Note1) The ST Standard is the safety requirements for toys intended for children 14 years and under.

The requirements of the ST Standard correspond to some parts of the EN 71-1,2 and 3.

However, the EN 71-1,2 and 3 does not cover all the requirements of the ST Standard.

(Note2) The Japan Toy Association, the JTA, is a public-interest entity approved by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

(Note3) The ST standard incorporates all the legal requirements regarding standard and specifications of the Food Sanitation Law for infant toys specified in the above article (1).

(Note4) The JTA operates the Safety Toy Mark (the ST Mark) Program based on the ST standard.

(Note5) The ST Mark is allowed to appear on toys or their packages only after having conformed to the ST Standard approved by the Designated Testing Bodies accredited by the JTA.

2. The EN71-1,2 and 3 is the European toy safety standard, thus it is not a requirement for toys sold in the Japanese market.
3. The JTA has gotten the confirmation from the following authorities about the above stated articles 1 and 2.

Food Sanitation Law

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  
Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau  
Department of Food Safety  
Standards and Evaluation Division  
Phone: 81-3-3595-2341  
Fax: 81-3-3501-4868

ST Standard

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry  
Manufacturing Industries Bureau  
Consumer Goods Office  
Phone: 81-3-3501-1705  
Fax: 81-3-3501-6794

4. The JTA hereby requests that the Chinese Custom Offices promptly proceed with the custom clearance for toys intended for export to Japan by the holder of this document.

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