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ON THE APPLICATION OF THE DIRECTIVE ON THE SAFETY OF TOYS (88/378/EEC)

Pools covered by the Toys Directive

This document is a non binding document intended to provide guidelines to help Member States to decide whether or not certain pools are covered by the Safety of Toys Directive (88/378/CEE). This document expresses the views of the majority of members in the Expert Group on Toys Safety.

I Provisions of the Toys Directive

Article 1 of the Safety of Toys Directive defines toys as products “*designed or clearly intended for use in play by children of less than 14 years of age*”.

II Product categories

In general, these products should be classified in a pragmatic way on a case by case basis taking into account the above mentioned provisions of the Toys Directive. However, some categories of pools can be distinguished for the purposes of classification. They are presented below.

a) paddling pools for play

These products are pools intended for paddling with a depth of water of 400 mm or less or pools which contain play elements such as inflatable objects or animal-shaped objects. They can also constitute partially closed spaces, which can be compared to small houses.

As a rule, they are intended for young children and are covered by the Safety of Toys Directive.





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b) pools for leisure

These products do not have play elements and have a depth of water of 400 mm or more. These products are not toys.

