

New Zealand Standard

**The prevention of ingestion and  
inhalation hazards in toys intended  
for use by children under three years  
of age**

Superseding NZS 5822:1991

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NOTE – This Standard is essentially an abstract of those parts of NZS 5820:1982 *The safety of toys* which relate specifically to ingestion and inhalation risks. In order to show this relationship the numbering used in NZS 5820 has been retained in this Standard which therefore has a discontinuous numbering system.

## **FOREWORD**

This New Zealand Standard supersedes NZS 5822:1991. The purpose of the Standard is to present the full text of the New Zealand product safety standard for toys, mandatory regulations prescribed under the Fair Trading Act 1986. The aim of the product safety standard is to reduce the incidence of ingestion and inhalation hazards presented by toys intended for children under the age of 3 years.

The product safety standard requires that toys made for children under three years of age do not:

- have small parts designed to be removed from the toy, that create an ingestion or inhalation hazard;
- have pieces that create an ingestion or inhalation hazard by breaking off during normal use or reasonably foreseeable abuse;
- have an ingestion or inhalation hazard created because of the toy's actual size.

If a toy, or part of a toy, can fit completely into a prescribed measuring device (the dimensions of which are described in Appendix D of this document) then it does not meet the product safety standard.

The Commerce Commission is responsible for enforcing compliance with the toy product safety standard. The Fair Trading Act provides penalties of up to \$100 000 for corporations, or up to \$30 000 for individuals supplying, offering to supply, or advertising to supply goods which do not comply with the product safety standard. All suppliers of toys to which the standard applies, should be familiar with its requirements as presented in this document.

NZS 5822:1992 differs from NZS 5820:1982 in that it relates only to ingestion and inhalation hazards. For information relating to other hazards of toys, for example toxic hazards and electrical hazards, reference should be made to NZS 5820:1982.

This publication has been commissioned by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs to benefit those in the toy industry to whom the product safety standard applies.

## NOTES