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STANDARDS & GUIDANCE BRIEF · EUROPEAN UNION · DIRECTIVE

Directive 2009/48/EC

Directive 2009/48/EC on the Safety of Toys

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IN FORCE Regulation (EU) 2025/2509 replaces it from August 1, 2030, adding a digital product passport and bans on PFAS and bisphenols in toys. **Next:** Plan the move to Regulation (EU) 2025/2509 before August 1, 2030, starting with the digital product passport data you will need.

What It Covers

The essential safety requirements for toys placed on the EU market: physical and mechanical, flammability, chemical, electrical, hygiene and radioactivity, with conformity assessment and CE marking.

Who It Applies To

Manufacturers, importers, and distributors of products designed or intended for use in play by children under 14.

Key Requirements

- A safety assessment covering all hazards before the toy is placed on the market.
- Technical documentation and an EU declaration of conformity, kept for ten years.
- CE marking, warnings, and traceability information on the toy.
- Harmonized standards (EN 71 series) to presume conformity, or EU-type examination where they are not applied.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- The technical file and safety assessment for a toy.
- The declaration of conformity and the standards it cites, with their editions.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Declarations of conformity citing superseded editions of EN 71.
- Safety assessments that list tests but never discuss hazards.

How QES helps. Technical file reviews now, and a gap analysis against Regulation (EU) 2025/2509 so the 2030 change is planned. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

Sources, checked October 24, 2026. EUR-Lex — Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys — eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/48/oj; EUR-Lex — Regulation (EU) 2025/2509 on the safety of toys — eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2509/oj.

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