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Highlights from the Domestic Appliances & Child Safety sectors

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Safety of household electrical appliances

In cooperation with ANEC Accessibility & Child Safety WGs:
removing the '**Exclusion clause**' from electrical household
appliances standards to include use by **vulnerable consumers**

- CENELEC TC 61 WG4 work is coming to an end, **BIG SUCCESS** (revised ENs initiated by ANEC) > being brought to IEC TC 61
- IEC TC 61 MT4 looking into lowering surface temperature limits in IEC 60335 standards, but work lost pace
- **Several formal objections** by national authorities against **Parts 2 of the EN 60335 series** (toasters & grills, blenders, fridges, ...). Support from ANEC.
- **New LVD** became applicable on **20 April 2016**
- **Work on child appealing electrical appliances** to (re-)start

Safety of other appliances

- **Adoption of the Gas Appliances Regulation**
 - improvements concerning the prevention of carbon monoxide poisoning 😊
 - no emission limit values for combustion gas parameters (CO concentration) in order to improve indoor air quality 😞
 - requirement that any installation or maintenance work of gas appliances should be done by professionals, who will have to be able to certify that the appliances deliver "safe combustion" 😊
 - no specific reference to the periodic servicing of appliances 😞
- **Prevention of Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning**
 - **Revision of EN for CO detectors**
 - **Indoor use of barbecues: development of amendment to EN 1860-1, development of safety requirements by DG JUST**



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Machinery

EN 13814 for fairground and amusement park equipment under revision & split up in 3 parts:

- Design and manufacture
- Operation, maintenance & use
- Requirements for inspection

Market surveillance

(Upcoming) participation in PROSAFE actions:

- power tools (hand held electric angle grinder, circular saws, chain saws)
- electrical household appliances (toasters, grills and blenders)



Child Safety WG



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Playground and other recreational equipment

- Revision of playground equipment standards
- Standards under development:
 - bouncing facilities (playground trampolines)
 - play equipment used in water following ANEC request
 - portable goals following ANEC request: 1st standard published
 - domestic swimming pools



Child Safety WG



Child care articles (CCA) and children's furniture

- Mandates on child care articles (+/- 25 products)
- Products for the sleep environment: draft standards for sleep bags, cot bumpers & cot duvets
- DG JUST development of safety requirements for pushchairs, ANEC part of expert group
- Concerns about baby nests & sleep positioners
- Separate CCA Directive?



Child Safety WG - Toys



- Progress on **chemicals in toys**: amendments for formamide, CMI and MI published in Nov 2015
> **Big success for ANEC**
- **EN 71-8 activity toys** under revision
- Amendments for **CORDS** on toys and for **toy catapults & projectiles** under development
- **Strong domination by manufacturers, both in CEN and ISO** – **consumer experts needed + evidence to win our case**
 - very little consumer influence at ISO level with **domination by manufacturers**
 - difficult to **amend ISO proposals** in favour of the **consumer interest** when they reach CEN
 - this could lead to **lower safety levels in ENs**



Other issues related to Child Safety

- **Child protective products:**
 - EN 16654 for **finger-protection devices for doors** published
 - draft standard for **child resistant locking devices for cupboards and drawers** under development
- **Lighters:** EN 13869 published, ISO 9994 under revision
- **Children's shoes:** DG JUST development of safety requirements, ANEC part of expert group

Market surveillance (PROSAFE)

- **Toys** (acoustic toys and plasticized toys)
- **Child care articles** (safety barriers, soothers & soother holders)
- **Playgrounds**



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