

Modifications of Toy Safety Standard ST-2016 2nd Edition

The Japan Toy Association board meeting decided to make amendments to Part 1 of ST-2016 Standard on May 30th, 2018.

Effective Dates

- This revision will be effective for applications received on or after **January 1st, 2019**.
- The 1st edition of ST-2016 may still apply for renewal of ST Mark certification on continuous products until December 31st, 2020.

Modifications

Clause	Changed / Added Items	Summary of the Changes or Additions
3.21	Definition of “ball”	“Ball” is now defined as “spherical, ovoid or ellipsoidal object, usually but not always designed or intended to be thrown, hit, kicked, rolled, dropped or bounced”
7.1.1	Marking requirements for “Intended age range”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Intended age range” shall be indicated on the packaging so consumers can easily recognize it before purchasing a toy. - Toys without indication of “Intended age range” shall be regarded as toys intended for children of all ages.
Annex III	New addition	<p>This Annex describes the following details relating to the requirements for “Intended age range”:</p> <p>1. <u>Structure of the indication:</u> e.g. 対象年齢 3 才以上</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arabic numerals shall be used for the “Intended age”. - The word “才”/ “歳”(age) shall be used to indicate the age in “Intended age range”. - The word “才”(age) or “月”(month), or combination of both shall be used to show the “Intended age”. - It is allowed only up to “48 ヶ月” (48 months) for the usage of the word “月” (month). - The “lower limit” of “Intended age range” shall be fixed, while the age for “upper limit” may be indicated with the word “頃” (approximately). Ride-on toys would be excluded.

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