



January 31, 2024

Ms. Katharine E. Morgan, President  
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Dear Ms. Morgan:

Thank you for your letter dated October 23, 2023, notifying the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)<sup>1</sup>, about the publication of a revised standard, ASTM F963 – 23, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety*.

On January 5, 2024, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to accept ASTM F963 – 23 as the new voluntary standard for toys in response to CPSC staff's briefing package, [ASTM F963 Voluntary Standard for Toys](#).<sup>2</sup>

The published *Federal Register* notice for the direct final rule, which revises the CPSC's standard for toys (16 C.F.R. part 1250) to incorporate by reference ASTM F963 – 23, can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/18/2024-00741/safety-standard-mandating-astm-f963-for-toys> and will be effective on April 20, 2024, unless we receive significant adverse comments by February 20, 2024. If we receive timely, significant adverse comments, we will publish notification in the Federal Register, withdrawing the direct final rule before its effective date. Otherwise, the incorporation by reference of ASTM F963 – 23 will be effective April 20, 2024.

Under the procedures for read-only access agreed to by ASTM, CPSC requests that a read-only version of ASTM F963 - 23, *Standard Consumer Safety for Toy Safety*, be made available to the public in the ASTM Reading Room, ([www.astm.org/READINGLIBRARY/](http://www.astm.org/READINGLIBRARY/)) as of April 20, 2024.

Thank you for your continuous efforts in improving consumer toy safety.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> This letter was prepared by the CPSC staff. It has not been reviewed or approved by, and may not represent the views of, the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/Briefing-Package-Draft-Direct-Final-Rule-Revision-to-the-ASTM-F-963-Voluntary-Standard-for-Toys.pdf?VersionId=XqPecVYerZkxtl4C6\\_9U9ArRDSjFZwPR](https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/Briefing-Package-Draft-Direct-Final-Rule-Revision-to-the-ASTM-F-963-Voluntary-Standard-for-Toys.pdf?VersionId=XqPecVYerZkxtl4C6_9U9ArRDSjFZwPR)

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