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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAMAICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Standards Jamaica <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  Regional and International Office 6 Winchester Road Kingston 10 Jamaica W.I. Email: <a href="mailto:info@bsj.org.jm">info@bsj.org.jm</a> Website: <a href="http://www.bsj.org.jm">http://www.bsj.org.jm</a> Tel.: 1 (876) 926-3140-5/618-1534/ 632-4275 Fax: 1 (876) 929-4736
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Toys and playthings. (ICS: 97.200.50).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Jamaican Standard Specification for Safety of toys and playthings (30 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard applies to the safety aspects of toys and playthings intended specifically for children.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> This standard deals with the safety aspects of toys and playthings. It is difficult to cover in one standard all features of toys that may possibly present a hazard to a child. The hazards of toys must, nevertheless be kept constantly in mind by manufacturers, retailers and consumers. There are certain considerations that relate to many toys and it is the purpose of this standard to call these to the attention of those who sell and buy toys with the hope of eliminating the more obvious hazards.  Toys are designed, produced and sold for specific groups of children, divided according to age, and the stage of development of those capabilities and skills related to the use of toys. This standard should make the production of toys that minimize danger to children for whom they are intended, possible.  Accidents and injuries are sometimes caused by giving unsuitable toys to children; or by permitting children to play with defective or damaged toys or to use them in ways for which they were never intended; or by allowing toys intended for older children to fall into the hands of younger children who do not appreciate- the consequences of incorrect use.

<p>The decision on the correct choice of toys remains with the buyer who must bear in mind the age, nature and stage of mental and physical development of the child for whom they are intended. The safety requirements set out in this standard do not therefore absolve parents and educators from their obligation to select and choose toys carefully and to provide adequate supervision of children at play.</p> <p>All standards pertaining to the health or safety of the consumer are mandatory.</p>
<p><b>8. Relevant documents:</b> A notice of the <i>Jamaican Standard Specification for Safety of toys and playthings</i> will appear in The Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations. The document will appear as a Jamaican Standard Specification, with mandatory status, and will be available for sale.</p>
<p><b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Date of publication in the Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Six months following date of publication in the Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations.</p>
<p><b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 28 October 2017</p>
<p><b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>The full text of the proposed technical regulation (mandatory standard) can be directly accessed on the website of the Bureau Standards Jamaica: <a href="http://www.bsj.org.jm">http://www.bsj.org.jm</a></p>