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## NEW EU REQUIREMENT FOR CHILD BATHING ARTICLES

European Commission Decision 2010/9/EU on the Safety Requirements is to be met by European standards for Child Bathing Articles. New safety requirements for bath rings, bathing aids and bath tubs and stands for infants and young children have now been outlined In EC Commission Decision 2010/9/EC on the 6th January 2010.

The Commission decision requests CEN standardisation organisation to begin drafting new standards for mentioned products.

However this process, leading to a harmonised standard, may take several years. Therefore these published requirements should be used as the basis for the safety assessment of bath rings, bathing aids and bath tubs and stands under the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD).

These products are used to bath babies and young children and have been identified as posing serious risks, mainly of drowning accidents which have often resulted in fatalities, due to young age of the users. Accidents mostly occur as caretakers leave their children unattended.



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Specific safety requirements are:

- Chemical Requirements
- Fire and Thermal Properties
- Hazards from Moving Parts
- Falling Hazards
- Choking Hazards
- Suffocation Hazards
- Ingestion Hazards
- Hazardous Edges
- Structural Integrity
- Protective Function
- Hazards Resulting From Action of The Child on the Securing Device of the Article
- Specific warnings
- Hygiene

To read more about the requirements click [HERE](#)



Our labs specialised in testing of child care articles in UK (Bradford), China (Shanghai, Guangzhou) and Taiwan (Taipei) can assist you in seeking compliance to the new requirements.

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