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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Ensuring Trans-Tasman Alignment of Toy Safety Regulations

Portfolios **Regulation / Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

On 17 June 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Product Safety Standards (Children’s Toys) Regulations 2005 (the Regulations) declare a 2002 version of a joint Australian/New Zealand standard that has been superseded five times;
- 2 **noted** that in 2023, Australia modernised its equivalent regulations by citing the 2023 version of this joint standard and by recognising comparable parts of a European and an American standard to give international toy suppliers options for compliance without compromising on safety;
- 3 **agreed** to avoid any unnecessary trade friction created by the Regulations by aligning them with those in Australia so that toys currently regulated in New Zealand must comply with the relevant clauses/subclauses in either of:
 - 3.1 AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2023 (replacing the current citation of the 2002 version);
 - 3.2 EN 71-1: 2014+A1:2018 (a European standard);
 - 3.3 ASTM F963 – 17 (a United States standard); or
 - 3.4 ISO 8124-1:2022 (the international standard adopted by Australia and New Zealand);
- 4 **agreed**, subject to consultation on an exposure draft of the amendment regulations, that suppliers be given a transition period of six months during which they can comply with either the current standard (2002 version of the joint Australian/New Zealand standard) or any of the above;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the Minister) to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the decisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister to make additional policy decisions and minor or technical changes, consistent with the policy intent in the paper under ECO-26-SUB-0097, on issues that arise during the drafting of the amendment regulations, including decisions on any additions or variations to the relevant clauses/ subclauses in the new standards that are necessary to preserve the overall scope and effect of the Regulations;

7 **noted** that the Minister intends to release an exposure draft of the amendment regulations for public consultation.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Hon James Meager
Hon Cameron Brewer

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