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Subject: Your letter on toxic-free toys for European Children

Dear Dr Warhurst,

I thank you for your letter to Executive Vice-President Séjourné on the revision of the Toy Safety Directive. Executive Vice-President Séjourné has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

As you know, on 23 July 2023, the Commission proposed a regulation on the safety of toys (COM (2023)462), to improve the protection of children from harmful chemicals and reduce the high number of non-compliant toys that can still be found on the Union market. The proposal includes a generic ban of carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction substances (CMRs), endocrine disruptors, both confirmed and suspected, respiratory sensitisers and substances toxic to a specific organ. Derogations to these generic bans would be possible where the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) finds that the use of the substance in toys is safe and that there are no alternatives.

We take note of your position, as explained in your letter, that a restriction on PFAS and bisphenols in toys should be added through the current legislative procedure in the new Toy Safety Regulation. We have looked carefully into the arguments you have provided, and we will duly consider them in the context of the still ongoing discussions with the co-legislators. As you know, these discussions are in the final stages, and we expect that an agreement will be reached very soon. We are confident that the final text of the regulation on toy safety will ensure that children are adequately protected from the most harmful chemicals when playing with toys.

Yours sincerely,

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