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Foreword

This document EN 1400-2:2002 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 252 "Child use and care articles", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2003.

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This European Standard 1400 "Child use and care articles – Soothers for babies and young children" consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General safety requirements and product information*
- *Part 2: Mechanical requirements and tests*
- *Part 3: Chemical requirements and tests*

This part of this European Standard contains two annexes:

- annex A (informative) Some examples of suitable fixing devices
- annex B (informative) Soothers - Assessment of compliance with standard - Sampling plan and compliance levels for freshly manufactured samples

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Introduction

Soothers are widely used throughout Europe to satisfy non nutritive-sucking needs and to pacify children.

They are designed to be in the mouths of babies and young children for long periods. Accidents, some of which have been fatal, have occurred in the past and a prime purpose of this standard is to reduce the risk of accidents occurring in the future. It is stressed that this European Standard cannot eliminate all possible risks to babies and young children using such a product and that parental or guardian control is of paramount importance. It is essential that all warnings and instructions specified in this standard are given clearly by the manufacturer, to allow the consumer to ensure that the soother is used correctly and safely.

This European Standard for soothers for babies and young children consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General safety requirements and product information*
- *Part 2: Mechanical requirements and tests*
- *Part 3: Chemical requirements and tests*

The complete European Standard harmonises for the first time minimum safety requirements and test methods for soothers. Most of the provisions have been taken from other existing national and European Standards and for these provisions the Technical Committee has relied on previous validation.

It is not permitted to claim compliance with individual parts of this standard. Any claim relates to all published parts.

It is recommended that manufacturers and suppliers operate to EN ISO 9000 series standards for quality management systems.

In addition it is recognised that some organisations require reference testing. A suggested sampling plan and compliance levels for freshly manufactured soothers are provided in annex B (informative). This procedure can be used as a voluntary type approval procedure.

Some concern was expressed regarding the softness of the soother teat. However as no approved testing method was found, it was decided to consider this aspect at the time of revision of this standard.

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