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## GUIDANCE DOCUMENT No. 1

### ON THE APPLICATION OF THE DIRECTIVE ON THE SAFETY OF TOYS (88/378/EEC)

#### **Community legislation applicable to “scooters”**

In principle, scooters have to be considered as toys, and therefore, covered by Directive 88/378/EEC.

Two **exceptions** are possible:

I **Sports equipment**: scooters designed and marketed to be used at sporting events or for physical training (annex I.4 of Directive 88/378/EEC)

II Scooters designed and marketed **exclusively for use by adults** as a vehicle.

The General Product Safety Directive (92/59/EEC) covers these two types of scooters.

The existing **harmonised standard (EN 71-1:1998)** does not cover all safety aspects for scooters. Therefore, **manufacturers have to proceed to an EC-type examination before affixing the CE marking on their scooters.**

For information, **CEN/Technical Committee 52** “Safety of Toys” has decided to amend standard EN 71-1:1998 to include additional requirements and test methods for scooters. **CEN/Technical Committee 136** “Sports and playground equipment” is working in a separate standard for scooters considered as sport equipment.

The co-ordination group for **Notified Bodies** under the Safety of Toys directive is drafting a guidance document on how to carry the EC-type examination for scooters. This document will then be integrated in the standardization process.

