## TRANSLATION

## Federal Official Journal of the Republic of Austria

Year 1998

Issued on 4 August 1998

Part II

255th Decree of the Pederal Ministry for Women's Affairs and Consumer Protection concerning the prohibition of the use of softeners for certain toys made of synthetic material for children under 36 months of age

On the basis of Art. 29 lit. a of the Foodstuffs Act. 1975, O.J. N° 86, as last amended by O.J. I N° 63/1998, it is hereby decreed:

- Art. I Subject to this Decree are toys made of synthetic material for children under 35 months of age, if these toys are chewed, sucked or otherwise frequently put into the mouth according to the intended or foreseeable use.
- Art. 2 It is prohibited to place on the market toys within the meaning of Art. 1, which have been produced with the addition of softeners from the group of phthalates.
- Art. 3 Toys within the meaning of Art. 1, which are not in conformity with this Decree, may still be placed on the market until 31 December 1998.
- Art. 4 This Decree has been notified according to the provisions of Council Directive 83/189/EEC of 28 March 1983 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations as amended by Directives 88/182/EEC and 94/10/EC of the European Commission (Notification number 97/894/A).