

EC Declaration of Conformity

1. Item number - unique identification of the toy(s).

Complete range of natural latex balloon products in sizes D5, D11, B75, B85, B95, B105, B120, B250, B350 in different colours, unprinted and printed.

2. Name and address of the manufacturer or his authorized representative.

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3. This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer:

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4. Object of the declaration - identification of toy including a colour image of item.



Inflated balloons in different sizes

Balloon Size	Diameter Inch	Diameter Centimeter
D5	5"	12 cm
D11	12"	30 cm
B75	9"	23 cm
B85	10.5"	27 cm
B95	11"	28 cm
B105	12"	30 cm
B120	14"	35 cm
B250	24"	60 cm
B350	36"	90 cm



Traceability is allowed by the batch number and/or information by the barcode.

5. The object of the declaration described in point 4 is in conformity with the relevant Community harmonization legislation:

Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC
General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC

6. References to the relevant standards used, or references to the specifications in relation to which conformity is declared:

EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018 – Mechanical and physical properties
EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014 - Flammability
EN 71-3:2013+A3:2018 – Migration of certain elements
EN 71-9:2005+A1:2007 – Organic chemical compounds
EN 71-12:2016 – N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances
REACH regulation 1907/2006/EC, Annex XIV
REACH regulation 1907/2006/EC, Annex XVII – Entry 50&51 (Phthalates content), Entry 23 (cadmium content), Entry 20 (Organic tin compounds), Entry 50 (PAH)

Signed for and behalf of:

Erpe-Mere, 19 October 2018

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Biodegradability of latex balloons

The European Balloon and Party Council has undertaken extensive research into the biodegradability of latex balloons.

Laboratory tests have shown balloons to biodegrade to approximately 90% within 2 years. Therefore, latex balloons as a product group can be classed as biodegradable.

Latex balloons biodegrade at about the same rate as other natural material, such as oak leaves and wood fibres. Different balloons will have varying rates of biodegradability though, dependent on the process and the desired qualities of the product.

Balloons are manufactured using only natural materials, all of which can be found in their natural state in the environment.

Technically speaking, latex balloons are "natural elastomers" (as opposed to synthetic plastic) and will fully disintegrate.

However, like a banana peel, once it is used a balloon is litter. Therefore, it should be disposed of properly in a bin. Similarly, the industry does not condone balloon releases.

Erpe-Mere, 19/02/2019

