

Korea Plans to Update Safety Standard for Children's Furniture

On **03 July 2026**, The Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) issued Announcement No. 2026-211, proposing amendments to the Safety Standards for Children's Products Subject to Supplier Conformity Confirmation - Children's Furniture (Annex 14).

The revision focuses on **chests of drawers intended for children aged 13 and under**.

Key Proposed Amendments

1. Updated Reference Standards

- ASTM Reference updated from ASTM F2057-17 to ASTM F2057-23 "**Standard Safety Specification for Clothing Storage Units**"
- **KS K 0210** (fibre blend ratio test) added
- **KS K ISO 105-C10** (colour fastness to washing) removed
- Citation wording for **KS M 1998** revised

2. Expanded Scope of Regulated Products



Requirements	Current Standard	Revised Scope
Tip-over safety requirements	Only for chests of drawers ≥ 762 mm	height ≥ 686 mm and weight ≥ 13.6 kg

3. Mandatory Anti-Tip Restraint Devices

Chests of drawers meeting the revised **height threshold (≥ 686 mm)** must:

- Include a **wall-anchoring restraint device**, or
- Provide the necessary hardware for purchasers to install one

4. New Interlock Test Method (ASTM F2057 Annex C)

A new test is introduced for units equipped with **tip-over-prevention interlock systems**:

- **133 N horizontal pull force** applied to each interlocked drawer's pull area
- Force held for **10 seconds**
- Units that pass are **exempt** from the existing uniformly-distributed-load stability test (Annex A)

5. Additional Exemptions from Stability Testing (Annex A)

The uniformly-distributed-load stability test will not apply to:

- Units where **all drawers extend $< 50\%$** of storage volume
- Units with **open fronts** or **clear doors** ($\geq 50\%$ transparent)
- Units with **storage height < 76 mm**
- Drawers **< 1.7 dm³**, excluding removable functional components (e.g., trays, shelves)

6. Revised Warning Requirements

The mandatory warning statements for anti-tip restraint devices are updated, along with related referenced standards.

Deadline for Public Comments

31 August 2026

Reference

<https://www.kats.go.kr/content.do?cmsid=239&mode=view&page=&cid=26403>

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