

U.S.AMERICAN 16 C.F.R. §1500.53, SIMULATING THE USE OF TOYS

Dear Customer,

With regard to your inquiry concerning the conformity of our Advanced Crystal assortment to the requirements set forth in 16 C.F.R. §1500.53, we would like to inform you as follows:

The requirements set forth in 16 C.F.R. §1500.53 regarding test methods for simulating the use and abuse of toys and other articles intended for use by children apply to toys and other articles intended for use by children from 36 to 96 months (3 to 8 years) of age, subject to certain exclusions pursuant to 16 C.F.R. §1500.3.

Children's clothing and accessories (like belts, jewelry, etc.), grooming, feeding and hygiene products are exempt from the small parts regulation under this provision. Therefore, there is no regulatory requirement to conduct relevant use and abuse tests on such products. Furthermore, these testing requirements do not apply to products intended for children older than 96 months, or to products for teens or adults. However, we encourage manufacturers using Swarovski Elements crystals to work with their R&D teams, test laboratories and other experts, and customers, to identify the appropriate quality and safety tests necessary or recommended for the particular application. We particularly encourage customers to assure that their products comply with applicable requirements like the children's jewelry standard ASTM F 2923-14.

Retail and other customers may incorporate specific requirements for use and abuse testing. The result of such tests may vary and may be dependent on the carrier material (fabric, metal, plastic, etc.), height, size of the glued surface and other application parameters.

As you are aware, loose crystals, or small items of jewelry such as rings, earrings, and charms, whether or not decorated with crystals, may present a small parts hazard to young children, particularly children of 0-36 months of age. Depending on the size of the crystals and any attached material (such as glue, fabric, etc.), children may choke on, inhale, aspirate or swallow them, or insert the crystals into their noses. Consequently, manufacturers should confirm that crystals will remain appropriately attached to their finished products.

Please note: Swarovski reserves the right to modify products and articles to which referred to in this Product Information regarding dimensions, shape, composition and concentration of components. Furthermore mentioned and applicable laws and regulations are subject to changes. Therefore Swarovski publishes regularly an updated version of this Product Information containing information, (application) instruction and current legal situation valid at the date of publication. References to compliance with such regulations stated above are based on their requirements as of current date. Anyone seeking an in-depth understanding of the provisions should read the various laws in its entirety and/or seek advice from a legal counsel.

The customer shall be obliged to request and observe the valid version of the Product Information before (re)ordering and using the products.