

## Appendix 1



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Thank for your enquiry, we understand completely why you would want to contact us following recent media reports.

While these stories have circulated in the US media for a number of years, they have recently been picked up in the UK and we do appreciate that they could cause concern to those coming across the issue for the first time. There has been numerous research studies carried out worldwide on the use of rubber crumb in sports pitches to assess any potential health impact. Although the recent media reports have stated that research has raised health concerns, the reality is that the current consensus from those studies is that the rubber crumb poses no significant health risk.

At Murfitts we have our products regularly tested to all known standards to ensure that they are as safe as possible. These tests include toxicology reports, assessing our product for a variety of substances to ensure that these are within safe limits, if present at all. We take our responsibilities to produce safe material extremely seriously, and have processes in place which go way beyond those required by law. Although we are not required to do so, we regularly have our products independently tested to the European standard EN-71, the standard to which children's toys are tested, and our products have never failed that test.

We source all our raw material tyres from within the UK and check every single one that goes into our production process. For tyres to be legally manufactured and sold within the EU they must meet the requirements set out in the EU REACH regulations (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) which stipulate limits for a wide range of substances used in manufacturing products of all kinds.

We hope that this information will allay any concerns you have, but if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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