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SUBJECT : FY2001 Recalls and Corrective Actions Announced for Toys and Other
Children's Products

During fiscal year 2001, the Office of Compliance announced 130 recalls and corrective actions involving toys, children’s products and bicycles or bicycle components. Lists of product types that were recalled are provided.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 43 recalls of products that violated mandatory safety standards. The breakdown for these products include 1 children’s product containing petroleum distillate, 1 costume, 4 helmets, 4 toys and 1 children’s furniture containing excessive lead levels, 1 infant cushion, 1 pacifier, 8 robes or sleepwear garments, and 22 toys.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 87 corrective actions or recalls for toys, children’s products, and bicycles or bicycle components that presented hazards not addressed by mandatory standards. These products include 27 toys, 3 infant carriers or car seat and carrier combinations, 2 playground equipment, 5 recreation and ride-on toys, 11 children’s clothing, 1 bassinet, 2 cribs, 2 walkers, 3 strollers, 3 high chairs, 17 bicycles or bicycle components, 1 bunk bed, and 10 miscellaneous products.

FY 2001 Recalls

	Section 15 Recalls *	Regulated Product Recalls	# Units Recalled
# of Recalls Announced	87	43	
Toys and Other Children’s Products # Units Distributed and Subject to Recall	24,114,011	2,400,080	26,514,091
Bicycles & Components # Units Distributed and Subject to Recall	419,751		419,751
Units Subject to Recall	24,533,762	2,400,080	26,933,842

* Section 15 recalls include only consumer level recalls for which there was a press release.

PART I

REGULATED PRODUCTS RECALL SUMMARY

A total of 43 products subject to the Commission's safety standards were voluntarily recalled or otherwise corrected.

Chemical (1)

Petroleum distillate in the frames of children's sunglasses could be harmful to children's eyes and skin should the frames break and could be fatal if ingested. A total of 70,000 units distributed were recalled.

Costume (1)

One costume failed to meet the general wearing apparel standard that requires clothing to be flame resistant. A total of 54,121 units distributed were recalled.

Helmets (4)

The helmets fail impact testing and labeling required under the Commission's safety standard for bicycle helmets. A total of 253,600 units distributed were recalled.

Lead-in-Paint (5)

The products, two games, three toys and furniture contain amounts of lead that exceed federal standards for children's products. A total of 202,251 units distributed were recalled.

Other (1)

The infant cushion could allow a babies' face to become covered, thereby posing a suffocation hazard. Also two cords that attach toys to the cushion pose strangulation hazards. A total of 2,033 units distributed were recalled.

Pacifier (1)

The shape and size of the pacifier could allow it to become lodged in the throats of babies, posing a choking hazard. A total of 16,378 units distributed were recalled.

Sleepwear/Robes (8)

Eight sleepwear or robes failed to meet federal children's sleepwear flammability standards which require sleepwear to be flame-resistant or tight fitting. Failure to meet the flammability standards presents a risk of serious burn injuries to children. A total of 118,262 units distributed were recalled.

Toys (22) All 22 toys failed to comply with the small parts regulation and presented choking hazards to young children. A total of 1,683,435 toy units distributed were recalled.

PART II

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FEDERAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ACT

Toys (27)

- 2 drum and xylophone – mallet sold with toys can get lodged in throats of children
- 3 pull toys – elastic cord that forms a loop; wooden pegs come off toy; and plastic pieces on string can detach, choking hazards
- 1 pop-up toy – springs inside toy can break loose, choking hazard
- 2 stuffed toys – snowman and reindeer have small parts that could come loose and kittens contain contaminated water that could cause illness
- 6 premium and promotional toys – suction cup on toy can come off; toy antenna can break off; metal pins connecting wheel to toy can come out; lens cover on compass toy can come off; toys can break causing beads or balls to release; and a stuffed bear that has a nightcap with a pom-pom on top can detach; choking or aspiration hazards
- 1 bath toy – compression of fish toy while in a child's mouth may block airway passage
- 1 school bus – yellow awning can break loose creating small parts, choking hazard
- 1 games – metal weights in games contain lead that presents a lead poisoning hazard
- 1 baseball bat – bat can separate during swing
- 1 water rocket - rapid flight in unpredictable directions, can hit and injure children
- 1 glitter wand – battery inside wand can short circuit, handles become very hot and melt plastic, burn injuries
- 1 table toy – red knobs can break off, small parts, choking hazard
- 1 basketball set – potential strangulation in net opening
- 1 remote control race cars – cars can overheat and emit smoke, potential burn injury
- 1 ball building toy – larger-sized ball halves can become stuck on a young child's face covering nose and mouth restricting airflow, posing a suffocation hazard
- 1 butterfly toy – wire antennae passes through the fabric causing cuts and scratches
- 1 toolbox – handles can break creating small parts and sharp plastic edge, posing a choking hazard
- 1 dollhouse set – yellow paint contains lead, risk of lead poisoning

At least 9,326,000 units distributed were recalled.

Infant Carriers or Car Seat/Carrier Combination (3)

- 2 car seat/carrier combination - handle can break when the seat is used as a carrier; as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly release, seat flips forward
- 1 carrier/sling – welds of metal rings supporting the carriers/slings can break, posing a fall hazard

At least 7,405,000 units distributed were recalled.

Playground Equipment (2)

- 1 swing – connectors can crack and top bar can break off and hit children on swings
- 1 slides – sidewalls can crack and separate and cause finger entrapment

At least 425 units distributed were recalled.

Recreation and Ride-On-Toys (5)

- 1 backyard gym set – screws holding swing together can fall out, causing seat to fall to ground
- 1 go-kart - seat belts can unintentionally unlatch posing a risk of injury to riders
- 2 scooter – handlebars can come out of steering column and fingers can become injured while folding or unfolding scooters
- 1 nets on enclosed indoor and outdoor structures – children can become entrapped between parts of the structure and die should they gain access to an area of the enclosed playground not intended for play

At least 364,350 units distributed were recalled.

Children's Clothing (11)

- 1 slipper – drawcord around ankle breaks, toggle releases, choking hazard
- 1 boot – toggle on laces can detach, choking hazard
- 5 jeans and overalls, jumpsuits, fleece pants, Koveralls and shortails, cargo pants – metal appliques, ribbons that run through zipper pulls, cord lock and toggle breakage, and snap pieces present choking hazards
- 1 sweatshirt – drawstrings catch on objects, entanglement and strangulation hazards
- 1 boys' vest – elastic toggle cord on zipper pull can come off, choking hazard
- 1 baby boy bodysuit – wheel-shaped zipper pull can twist off, choking hazard
- 1 cap – snap on plastic pull separates, choking hazard

At least 1,160,200 units distributed were recalled.

Bassinet (1) cut or pinched finger injuries occur between parts of folding mechanism

At least 569,000 units distributed were recalled.

Cribs (2)

- 1 crib – bracket hooks break, mattress can collapse, entrapment and suffocation hazards to infants
- 1 portable cribs/play yards – can collapse and entrap infants

At least 168,600 units distributed were recalled.

Walkers (2)

- 1 walker – cover on walker’s music center can break off, allowing small parts to fall out, choking hazard
- 1 walker – fits through a standard door and is not designed to stop at the edge, serious injury or death could occur if children fall down stairs

At least 3,956 units distributed were recalled.

Strollers (3)

- 1 stroller – lock mechanisms can break and create a pinch point hazard
- 1 multi-use stroller – unexpected collapse or the car seat/carrier adapter can unexpectedly detach, falls and serious injuries can occur
- 1 stroller – lock mechanisms can break causing sudden collapse, babies can fall and suffer injuries

At least 790,500 units distributed were recalled.

High Chairs (3)

- 1 high chair – seats separate from frame when reclined and in upright position seats can slip from seat height position to lowest position or fall to the ground
- 1 high chair – chair legs can come out, chair falls to the ground
- 1 high chair – reclined, chair has a space between the armrest and backrest in which a child’s head or arm can become entrapped, risk of suffocation

At least 2,185,000 units distributed were recalled.

Miscellaneous (10)

- 1 crib mobile – arms can detach and fall into crib, injuring the baby inside
- 1 water bottle – drinking valve on cap can detach, choking hazard
- 1 jumper – metal clasps on bungee cord can detach, causing unit to fall to floor
- 1 wipe warmer – cracks in the interior basin can allow moisture to contact the electrical components, electrical shock hazard
- 1 changing table – table joints can separate, presenting a fall hazard
- 1 activity rocker – toy on rocker can crack and break exposing a small bead inside, choking hazard
- 1 table seat – seats were sold without a seat belt, posing a risk to children who climb out of seat
- 1 seat pad – two shoulder straps create a V-shaped opening around the head and neck, presenting strangulation hazard
- 1 cabinet and drawer latches – safety latch breaks, small spring released, small parts choking hazard
- 1 velcro wallet – zipper pull contains lead, risk of lead poisoning to young children

At least 2,140,780 units distributed were recalled.

Bunk Beds (1) side rails and guardrails can break, causing the bed to collapse and children fall out of bed

At least 200 units distributed were recalled.

Bicycles and Components (17)

7 forks can break apart during use, causing riders to lose control and fall or link pins in one fork can fall out resulting in minor injuries

2 frames can break causing falls and serious injuries

2 handlebars that can crack or twist off causing riders to lose control and crash or serious injuries

1 bar end detachment causing riders to lose control and crash

2 pedals were either too low to ground or loosened and fell off, causing falls and serious injuries

2 breaks can fail or stick causing riders to fall and suffer serious injuries

1 stems can break during use causing the rider to crash and suffer serious injuries

At least 419,751 units distributed were recalled.