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Memorandum

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SUBJECT : FY2000 Recalls and Corrective Actions Announced for Toys and Other Children's Products

The information presented is provided for inclusion with 2000 Children's Day Program package. During fiscal year 2000, the Office of Compliance announced recalls and corrective actions involving 101 toys, children's products and bicycle or bicycle components.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 30 recalls of products that violated mandatory safety standards. The breakdown for these products is 2 bike helmets, 2 children's products containing excessive lead levels, 2 other products (a bib and pacifier clip set and a pacifier clip) that fail the small parts safety standard, 1 rattle, 14 sleepwear garments (7 pajamas, 6 robes and 1 nightshirt) and 9 toys.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 71 corrective actions or recalls for toys, children's products, and bicycles or components that presented hazards not addressed by mandatory standards. These products include 1 bassinet, 1 bunk bed, 10 children's clothing, 3 infant carriers or car seat and carrier combination, 5 recreation and ride-on-toys, 15 miscellaneous products, 2 walkers, 1 toy chest, 3 jogging strollers, 3 swings, 20 toys, and 7 bicycles and components.

FY 2000 Recalls

	Section 15 Recalls*	Regulated Product Recalls	Total # Units Recalled
# of Recalls Announced	71	30	
Toys and Other Children's Products # Units Distributed	56,529,530	1,253,336	57,782,866
Bicycles & Components	77,500		77,500
Total Units Distributed	56,607,030	1,253,336	57,860,366

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

PART I

REGULATED PRODUCTS RECALL SUMMARY

A total of 30 regulated products were subject to the Commission's safety standards. These products were voluntarily recalled or otherwise corrected.

Helmets (2)

The helmets fail impact testing and labeling required under the Commission's safety standard for bicycle helmets. A total of 79,000 units distributed were recalled.

Lead-in-Paint (2)

The products, a game and a plastic picnic set, contain amounts of lead that exceed federal standards for children's products. A total of 22,200 units distributed were recalled.

Other (2)

A bib and pacifier clip set and a pacifier clip, fail the small parts safety standard. A total of 12,700 units distributed were recalled.

Rattle (1)

The shape and size of the rattle's handle allow it to become lodged in the throats of babies, posing a choking hazard. A total of 13,400 units distributed were recalled.

Sleepwear (14)

Seven pajamas, 6 robes and 1 nightshirt fail 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 286,366 units distributed were recalled.

Toys (9)

The hazards associated with the 9 different toy models include,

- 4 toys that fail the small ball ban because they present a serious risk of choking deaths to young children
- 5 toys that fail small parts because they present choking hazards to young children

A total of 839,670 toy units distributed were recalled.

PART II

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FEDERAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ACT

Bassinet (1) Entrapment in an opening, infant suffocation hazard

At least 46,000 units distributed were recalled.

Bunk beds (1) Missing guardrails on both sides of top bunk, entrapment hazard

At least 2,800 units distributed were recalled.

Children's Clothing (10)

2 boys' jackets and sweatshirts - drawstrings present entanglement and strangulation hazards

7 infant and girls' sweatshirts, children's overalls, baby garments, infant and toddler jackets, cargo skirts, baseball shirts and rompers – zipper pulls, snaps and buttons present choking hazards

1 sock, logo appliques pose a choking hazard

At least 795,330 units distributed were recalled.

Infant Carriers or Car Seat/Carrier Combination (3)

1 backpack carrier, seat height adjustment strap can slip through buckle, child can slide downward in seat and could fall out of carrier

1 backpack carrier, falls through leg openings causing head and body injuries

1 car seat/carrier, handle locks unexpectedly release, causing seat to suddenly rotate, serious injuries can occur

At least 891,000 units distributed were recalled.

Recreation and Ride-On-Toys (5)

1 spinning ride toy, center column can break causing a child to suddenly fall backward or be hit in the face by the broken column

1 go-kart, hair or clothing can become entangled in partially exposed rotating components behind the drivers' seats, causing death or serious injury

3 ride-on-battery powered vehicles, batteries can overheat causing fires and pedals stick, causing injuries

At least 819,000 units distributed were recalled.

Miscellaneous (15)

- 1 trampoline safety net enclosure, straps can break causing children to fall out of trampoline and be injured
- 1 miniature skateboard keychain, presents a choking hazard
- 1 lamp that can short circuit posing a fire hazard
- 1 hammock that twists around children's necks and infants sleeping on soft bedding can become wedged in positions in which they cannot breathe, strangulation hazard
- 1 sandal with flowers that detach, posing a choking hazard
- 1 bib, rattle and spoon set, bib can detach posing a choking hazard
- 1 baby bouncer, toy bar suddenly releases and causes injury
- 1 wooden rocking chair, rear legs separate from base causing chair to collapse, falls occur
- 1 teething ring, when bent in an infant's mouth can trigger a gagging reflex, posing a risk of vomiting, choking and aspiration
- 1 teether, can pull apart easily and expose small pieces, poses choking and aspiration hazards
- 1 nightlight, faceplate can be broken off, exposing wiring and posing shock and electrocution hazards
- 1 jumper, the spring can break, babies can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries
- 1 table, mallets can lodge in the throats of children, choking hazard
- 1 swim mask, glass lens can break into sharp pieces, causing laceration to a child's face, eyes or hands
- 1 pacifier, because latex is aging faster than normal, the nipple can detach from the shield, choking hazard

At least 3,960,500 units distributed were recalled.

Walker (2)

- 1 walker collapses unexpectedly during use and injures infants
- 1 walker steering wheel can cause babies to lose their lower teeth and telephone can could break apart, releasing small parts and posing a choking hazard

At least 201,000 units distributed were recalled.

Toy Chest (1) lids can fall on child's head or neck due to inadequate lid support

At least 400 units distributed were recalled.

Jogging Strollers (3) break failure, front wheel connector cracking during use and missing frame straps that secure the seat can result in serious injuries to the child

At least 49,200 units distributed were recalled.

Swings (3)

- 1 cradle swing, locks on handle can unexpectedly release, causing seat to flip forward, serious injuries can occur
- 1 infant swing, if there are missing parts, the restraint isn't used or the tray pops off, infants can slip down into the seat and strangle or fall from swing
- 1 outdoor swing, children can maneuver out of the restraints and fall out of swings, serious injuries can occur

At least 9,605,000 units distributed were recalled.

Toys (20)

- 1 foam rubber cow, pieces of rubber tear off, poses a choking hazard
- 3 basketball sets, potential strangulation in net opening
- 3 premium toys, halves of ball and barrel-shaped containers can pose suffocation hazards
- 1 activity dome toy, nylon bands that hold the surface level can detach allowing surface to tilt, entrapment and suffocation hazards
- 1 stacking toy, presents a choking hazard
- 1 baby phone, ball-shaped antenna detaches, presents a choking hazard
- 1 flying dolls, rapid flight in unpredictable directions, can hit and injure children and adults
- 1 construction toy, 25-inch strap attached to bucket can wrap around a child's neck, strangulation hazard
- 1 caterpillar toy, small children can choke on the small balls
- 1 pop-up toy, springs inside toy can break loose posing a choking hazard
- 1 walker toy that can tip over when children lean forward on the toy; windshield wipers that stick out can injure children when they fall
- 1 inflatable playring, when a baby leans his face against the side of the playring, the soft surface covers the baby's nose and mouth restricting airflow, posing suffocation hazard
- 1 klackeroo toy, knobs can detach, small pieces come loose, posing a choking hazard
- 2 pull toys, wooden wheels, pegs, or bead on the toys could come off, choking hazard
- 1 toy car, tires detach from the wheels of cars, choking hazard

At least 40,159,300 units distributed were recalled.

Bicycles and Components (7)

- 1 defective handle bar that causes the front wheel not to turn properly, resulting in falls
- 2 frames can break apart causing falls and serious injuries
- 2 forks can break apart during use, causing riders to lose control and fall
- 1 wheel separation resulting in crashes and injuries
- 1 tube that attaches the fork to bike can fail, causing riders to lose control and fall

At least 77,500 units distributed were recalled.