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SUBJECT : FY2003 Recalls and Corrective Actions Announced for Toys and Other Children's Products

During fiscal year 2003, the Office of Compliance announced 80 recalls and corrective actions involving toys, children’s products and bicycles. A list of product types that were recalled is provided.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 25 recalls for products that violated mandatory safety standards. The breakdown for these products include 1 bunk bed, 1 general wearing apparel, 2 bicycle helmets, 2 children’s products contained high levels of lead, 1 children’s product contained a sharp edge razor knife, 1 pacifier, 16 toys and 1 sleepwear garment.

The Office of Compliance also announced a total of 55 corrective actions or recalls for toys, children’s products, and bicycles that present hazards not addressed by mandatory standards. These products include 1 carrier, 2 chairs, 3 cribs, 1 infant swing, 1 crib mobile, 2 items of playground equipment, 1 play yard, 4 items of recreational equipment, 1 teething ring, 1 toy chest, 3 walkers, 4 children’s clothing garments, 16 toys, 4 bicycles and 11 miscellaneous products.

FY 2003 Recalls

	Section 15 Recalls *	Regulated Product Recalls	# Units Recalled
# of Recalls Announced	55	25	
Toys and Other Children’s Products # Units Distributed and Subject to Recall	10,881,497	2,023,973	12,905,470
Bicycles # Units Distributed and Subject to Recall	59,800		59,800
Units Subject to Recall	10,941,297	2,023,973	12,965,270

* Section 15 recalls include only consumer level recalls for which there was an announcement.

PART I

REGULATED PRODUCTS RECALL SUMMARY

A total of 25 products subject to the Commission's safety standards were voluntarily recalled or otherwise corrected.

Bunk bed (1)

Large openings between the guardrails and between guardrails and the end structures could allow a child's body to slide between the openings and become trapped by the head. This poses a strangulation hazard to children. A total of 1,200 units were recalled.

General wearing apparel (1)

A jacket failed to meet the general wearing apparel standard for flammability. A total of 411 units distributed were recalled.

Bicycle Helmets (2)

The helmets failed impact testing and labeling required under the federal standard for bicycle helmets. A total of 19,955 units distributed were recalled.

Lead-in-Paint (2)

Green and blue paint on metal wires of toys and paint on the "smiley face" zipper pull of jackets sold as part of an infant girls' pant set contained amounts of lead that exceed federal standards for children's products. A total of 15,136 units distributed were recalled.

School supply set (1)

The set contained a razor knife that poses a laceration hazard to children. A total of 33,600 units distributed were recalled.

Pacifier (1)

The pacifier failed federal safety tests, come apart, and can pose a choking hazard to infants and small children. A total of 154,000 units distributed were recalled.

Sleepwear garment (1)

Robes, pajamas and gowns 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 2,365 units distributed were recalled.

Toys (16) Fifteen toys failed to meet the federal standard for small parts and presented a choking hazard to young children. One toy failed to meet the federal standard for dive sticks. Children can fall or land on the dive stick in shallow water and may suffer impalement injuries. A total of 1,797,306 units distributed were recalled.

PART II
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE
FEDERAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ACT

Carrier (1)

1 car seat and carrier combination – when used as carrier plastic locks can unexpectedly break or release from carrying position, causing the seat to unlatch or flip forward - an infant can fall to the ground and suffer injuries

At least **1.2 million** units distributed were recalled.

Chairs (2)

1 beanbag chair – zippers can be opened by young children allowing access to polystyrene beads inside that poses suffocation and inhalation of small beads hazards

1 sling chair – small plastic bolt cover presents a choking hazard

At least **105,200** units distributed were recalled.

Cribs (3)

1 crib – mattress and mattress support platform can fall to the floor if hardware is not tight – posing a risk of injury to young children

1 crib – three hinges along the fold-down drop gate can crack or break, allowing babies to have their fingers pinched; or incorrectly aligned drop gate trigger latches could cause children to fall out of cribs

1 crib – slats on drop-side rails can loosen or fall out presenting a baby entrapment hazard or babies can fall through the slat opening

At least **370,600** units distributed were recalled.

Infant swing (1)

1 infant swing – a screw on the swing’s support arm can loosen or detach, causing the seat to separate and drop to one side, presenting a fall hazard

At least **15,000** units distributed were recalled.

Crib Mobile (1)

1 crib mobile – caustic liquid from batteries can seep out of battery compartment, posing a risk of chemical burns

At least **233,000** units distributed were recalled.

Playground Equipment Items (2)

1 swing seat – metal inserts inside seats can wear through and cause lacerations

1 vinyl bucket – hanging rope can become entangled around a child’s neck, presenting strangulation hazard

At least **23,400** units distributed were recalled.

Play yard (1)

1 play yard and changing table combination – when changing table is still in place, children can crawl under and lift the table up; if this occurs, a child’s head and neck can become trapped between the changing table and the play yard rail, causing a strangulation hazard

At least **538,000** units distributed were recalled.

Recreational Equipment Items (4)

3 tent sets – tip of wire that forms the frame for the connecting tunnel can become exposed, resulting in a laceration hazard

1 trampoline – welds on frame can break causing falls to the ground and injuries

At least **144,740** units distributed were recalled.

Teething Ring (1)

1 wooden teething ring – potential choking hazard to young children

At least **107** units distributed were recalled.

Toy chest (1)

1 toy chest – lid support hinges can fail and fall on a child’s head, neck, fingers or hands while spaces at the end of hinge can cause pinch, crush or laceration injuries to fingers

At least **200** units distributed were recalled.

Baby walkers (3)

3 walkers – walkers fit through a standard doorway and do not stop at the edge of a step - stair falls could result in serious injuries or death

At least **57,600** units distributed were recalled.

Children's clothing garments (4)

- 1 newborn and infants dress with sandals and infant Capri set with sandals – small decorative items on the garments can detach, posing a choking hazard
- 1 two piece fleece pants set for 3 months to 24 months – fabric when torn off sleeves can pose a choking hazard
- 1 parka – zipper box may detach, allowing zipper slide to detach that could pose a risk of choking
- 1 girls' hooded winter jacket – rubber petal and metal snap can break off jacket posing a choking hazard

At least **104,600** units distributed were recalled.

Toys (16)

- 2 stuffed bears – open seams could expose plastic beads, posing an aspiration hazard and nose on bear can come off posing a choking hazard
- 3 plush toys – pony tail holders and rubber bands, antennae and seams exposing small beads inside pose choking and aspiration hazards
- 1 soft-bodied doll – buttons can detach from clothing, posing a choking hazard
- 1 flower toy on baby walker trays – can detach from stems exposing sharp edges and poses a laceration hazard
- 4 musical toys – trumpet and drumsticks or sticks that have caps, end pieces or knobs that can come off and pose choking hazards
- 1 wood toy – head from villagers can detach, posing a choking hazard
- 1 stacking toy – plastic knobs on rings can detach, posing a choking hazard
- 1 toy necklace – necklace's pendant contains high levels of lead, posing a risk of poisoning
- 1 assist to stand toy – toy can tip over during use and strike falling babies in the head, face or neck
- 1 animal sound toy – metal screws on doors can come off, posing an aspiration or choking hazard

At least **2,799,750** units distributed were recalled.

Miscellaneous Products (11)

- 1 skateboard ramp – ramps can crack causing users to fall and suffer injuries
- 2 flashlights – battery leakage or small parts, risk of burn injuries, skin irritation or choking hazard
- 1 kit for soap making – soap may get too hot when heated in microwave oven and leak, burn hazard
- 1 tub and step combination – when used as a tub and the footrest is not fully extended into place firmly, babies' body parts can be pinched
- 1 book – book sets sold in cardboard boxes with plastic snaps can detach and pose a choking hazard
- 1 aerosol can containing spray foam – a can may forcefully break apart, posing a risk of serious injury to nearby consumers
- 1 tumbler cup – small pieces of plastic can detach from straw when chewed posing a choking hazard
- 1 art set – mini cutters with razor blades pose a laceration hazard
- 1 flotation device – nylon body strap on swim trainer can detach or tear from the flotation device and release a child into water, posing a drowning hazard
- 1 bottled water – drinking spout on sports cap can come off when pulled to open, posing a choking hazard

At least **5,289,300** units distributed were recalled.

Bicycles (4)

1 bicycle stem can loosen during use, causing riders to lose control and fall

1 bicycle bar ends can crack when tightened during use, which can cause riders to lose control of bicycle and possibly suffer injuries

2 bicycle frames can break during use, causing riders to lose control and fall

At least **59,800** units distributed were recalled.