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SUBJECT : FY2006 Recalls and Corrective Actions Announced for Toys and Other Children's Products

The Office of Compliance during fiscal year 2006 announced 76 recalls and corrective actions that involved children’s toys, jewelry, a variety of children’s products and bicycles, bicycle components or accessories. A summary of these recalls and corrective actions is listed below.

The breakdown of the recall actions is: 1 involving a child’s chair, 1 involving a scooter, 1 involving a doorway jumper, 1 involving a rattle, 2 involving pacifiers, 2 involving strollers, 2 involving children’s sleepwear, 3 involving cribs, 3 involving baby walkers, 3 involving bicycles or accessories, 4 involving playground or recreational equipment, 8 involving children’s toy jewelry containing lead and 1 involving small parts, 10 involving miscellaneous items, 11 involving children’s garments, and 23 involving toys.

FY 2006 Recalls

	Section 15 Recalls *	Regulated Product Recalls	# Units Recalled
# of Recalls Announced	58	18	
Toys and Other Children’s Products # Units Distributed and Subject to Recall	4,320,637	8,148,275	12,468,912
Bicycles or Components/Accessories # Units Distributed and Subject to Recall	20,300		20,300
Units Subject to Recall	4,340,937	8,148,275	12,489,212

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

RECALLS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

There were a total of 76 voluntary recalls or other corrective actions for products subject to the Commission's safety standards or corrective actions under Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.

Children's Chairs (1)

Bean bag chair and ottoman – Unzipped chair and ottoman can expose small pellets inside that can be swallowed or inhaled by young children.

At least **1,100** units distributed were recalled.

Scooters (1)

The handlebars, wheels and wheel brakes can break and detach, causing the rider to lose control, fall and possibly suffer injuries.

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

Doorway Jumpers (1)

Plastic clamps attaching jumper seat on door frame can break causing unit and child inside to fall. Plastic clamps attaching jumper seat on door frame can break, causing unit and child to fall to the floor.

At least **14,000** units distributed were recalled.

Rattles (1)

Seams on the rattle can open during use, releasing small round beads. The beads can pose an aspiration hazard to young children. The breakage also can create ragged edges on the ring, posing a laceration hazard.

At least **47** units distributed were recalled.

Pacifiers (2)

Pacifier nipples detach from guard posing a serious choking hazard to young children.

At least **4,600** units distributed were recalled.

Strollers (2)

Jogging stroller – Stroller handle can unlock during use, causing stroller to collapse.

Infant stroller – Handlebar cracks or breaks and then detaches while in use which poses serious injuries to young children.

At least **655** units distributed were recalled.

Children's Sleepwear Garments (2)

Bathrobes and lounge pants failed to meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear posing a risk of serious burn injuries to children. The standard requires sleepwear, including loungewear, to be flame resistant and if the garment ignites, the flame must self-extinguish.

At least **48,740** units distributed were recalled.

Cribs (3)

Wooden strip on end assemblies could come loose creating a space that poses a risk of entrapment, and detached strips have three pin nails that pose a laceration hazard if detached.

Screws on the wooden mattress support can come loose allowing a portion of the mattress to fall, posing an entrapment, suffocation hazard to young children. A child died after two of the mattress support slats came out of this recalled crib. He became entrapped between the mattress and footboard of the crib.

The crib's paint contains amounts of lead above the limit in federal standards designed to protect children against lead-in-paint ingestion. Lead is toxic if ingested by children and can cause adverse health effects.

At least **104,490** units distributed were recalled.

Baby Walkers (3)

The walkers can fit through a standard doorway, and were not designed to stop at the edge of a step resulting in serious injuries or death.

At least **53,100** units distributed were recalled.

Bicycles or Accessories (3)

Two-bike folding racks - The bike racks do not have sufficient hardware to support its weight on the wall. This can cause the bike rack to unexpectedly fall, hitting a nearby consumer.

Frames - Alloy frames on bicycles can fail during use, resulting in the separation of the fork, head tube, and handlebar away from the rest of the bike causing a loss of control and crash, and posing a risk of serious injury to rider.

Child carriers - The plastic guide tabs on carrier can break when the seat is not fully seated on rack, seat can fall off that poses a risk of serious injury to a child in carrier.

At least **20,300** units distributed were recalled.

Playground/Recreational Equipment Items (4)

Swing sets - The connection between the swing set's horizontal top beam and the vertical end support post can break, posing a risk of injury if the user falls to the ground or is hit by the beam.

Defective bolts could cause the swing set frame to detach from the fort structure, posing a fall hazard to the user.

Swing seats – Swing seats can unexpectedly break in half, causing users to fall to ground.

Pool ladders – Plastic step support clips can be assembled upside down, causing the ladder steps to break under a user's weight.

At least **368,000** units distributed were recalled.

Children's Toy Jewelry (9)

Bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings – products contain amounts of lead in the metal and/or the paint above the limit in federal regulations for children's products. Lead is toxic if ingested by children and can cause adverse health effects. **(8 recalls)**

Bracelets, necklaces, ring – jewelry could break, releasing small beads that pose an aspiration hazard to young children.

At least **8,017,300** units distributed were recalled.

Miscellaneous Items (10)

Pencils sold with sharpeners – Exposed razor blades pose a laceration hazard to young children.

Books – Clear plastic container, if broken or removed beads inside release and poses a choking hazard to young children. When pulled on, felt ears and limbs on pop-up characters can detach or fall apart and pose a choking hazard to young children. **(2 recalls)**

Party favors and costume shield – Party favors and shield can break apart or crack, exposing sharp points that pose a laceration hazard to young children. **(2 recalls)**

Sandals – Metal tacks used to help hold down the sides of the strap to the sole, can detach or be pulled out, posing a laceration hazard.

Girl's water shoes – Shoes become extremely slippery when wet. This poses a risk of slipping and falling on smooth, hard surfaces such as tile.

Plastic hardware covers – The small cam lock covers can be easily removed, presenting a choking hazard to young children.

Musical instrument – If the bell inside the instrument is damaged during manufacturing, the bell can be pulled out of the instrument, posing a choking hazard.

Travel cots – The plastic cap on the corner connectors can come loose, posing a small parts choking hazard to young children.

At least **309,600** units distributed were recalled.

Children's Garments (11)

Fleece pullover/pantsets – Zipper slider and pull on pullovers pose a choking hazard to young children.

Hooded jacket and sweatshirt with drawstrings – Drawstrings threaded through the hood pose a strangulation hazard to young children. **(9 recalls)**

Windsuits jacket – Logo appliqué on rubber zipper pull can detach posing a choking or aspiration hazard to young children.

At least **527,280** units distributed were recalled.

Toys (23)

Toy vehicles – Wheels, hubcaps, other small parts or metal axles pose a choking or puncture hazard to young children. **(5 recalls)**

Whistle – Internal pieces can detach from toy, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Chair – Child can become lodged between the seatback and side table of the toy, possibly leading to an entrapment of the neck. This can pose a strangulation hazard to young children.

Learning cube toy - Wooden pegs in the top corners of the toy can come loose posing a choking hazard to young children.

Limbo party game - Two side poles fit improperly into their bases making the game unstable, causes the game to completely fall apart if touched, hitting children playing the game as well as bystanders.

Pull toy with rattle - Rattle can come apart, release bell inside which poses a small parts choking hazard to young children.

Toy Pliers - Sliding knob can detach, poses a choking hazard to young children.

Toy phones - Push buttons and antenna can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. **(2 recalls)**

Slingshots - Ball at the end of the tubing can strike the user, resulting in serious facial injuries.

Yo-Yo - The yo-yo can separate and expose small parts that pose a choking hazard to young children.

Radio controlled airplane - The rechargeable battery pack inside the toy airplane can overheat posing a burn hazard.

Activity toys - A child's arm can become caught in the activity center's plastic tube, posing a risk of injury to children. Some toys in activity trunks contain small parts posing a choking hazard to young children. **(2 recalls)**

Toy tool bench – Two toddler boys suffocated when oversized, plastic nails sold with the toys became forcefully lodged in their throats.

Pool toys – When partially filled with water, the pool toy can stand upright on the pool floor with the rigid narrow end pointed upward, posing an impalement risk.

Animal-shaped flashlights - products contain amounts of lead in light green and brown paints above the limit in federal regulations for children's products. Lead is toxic if ingested by children and can cause adverse health effects

Toy guitar – The toy can break into small parts posing a choking hazard to young children.

Cooking set – The glass pot lids can break, posing a laceration hazard to young children.

At least **2,835,000** units distributed were recalled.