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CPSC Recall Snapshot



A monthly review of consumer product recalls and civil penalties announced by the CPSC

Welcome to the April edition of the Alston & Bird *CPSC Recall Snapshot*.

The CPSC and U.S. Customs are increasingly coordinating efforts to prevent unsafe products from entering the U.S. Earlier this month, the CPSC announced that CPSC port investigators and U.S. customs agents “prevented more than 647,000 units of about 240 different noncomplying products from reaching consumers between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.” The report further stated that the most common products identified during the ports of entry screenings were “children’s products containing levels of lead exceeding the federal limits, toys and other articles with small parts that present a choking hazard for children younger than 3 years old, and toys and child care articles with banned phthalates.” A full copy of the report can be found at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml12/12142.html>

We hope you find the *Snapshot* of last month’s civil penalties and recalls a useful tool in keeping up-to-date on the activities of the CPSC. We also invite you to check out our [Products Liability Blog](#), which features important updates on CPSC and products liability issues.

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Sincerely,

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in March 2012

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Child/Infant – 5
Furniture – 1

Housewares – 4
Vehicle – 1

Sporting Goods – 3
Yard Equipment – 1

Electronics – 2

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Toy Truck Press Release	Child/Infant	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	9,000
Baby Doll Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	3,900 U.S. 400 Can.
Play Theater Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Entrapment Hazard	1	1,800 U.S. 350 Can.
Jacket with Drawstring Press Release	Child/Infant	Entrapment Hazard (Drawstring)	0	240
Swing Set Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	2	250
Lamp Press Release	Housewares	Electric Shock	0	14,050
Cabinet Lock Press Release	Housewares	Injury Hazard	3	900,000
Ceiling Fan Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Shock Hazard	0	7,000
Medicine Locker Press Release	Housewares	Unauthorized Access (Lock Failure)	0	59,600
Lacross Helmet Press Release	Sporting Goods	Facial Injury Hazard	1	12,000
Bicycle Brake Cable Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard (Brake Failure)	0	9,700 U.S. 200 Can.
Snowboard Bindings Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	200
Desktop Computer Press Release	Electronics	Fire Hazard	0	50,500
LED Night Light Press Release	Electronics	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	227,000
Adjustable Mattress Base Press Release	Furniture	Fire Hazard	0	25,200
Utility Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	3,900
Lawn Tractor Press Release	Yard Equipment	Crash Hazard (Brake Failure)	0	2,700

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in March.

Alston & Bird helps companies navigate the CPSC's complex regulations—from testing, to labeling, to recalls—and everything in between. We also help companies monitor and respond to complaints submitted to the CPSC's new consumer complaint database, www.SaferProducts.gov. For additional information or questions about recalls, the SaferProducts.gov database or other CPSC issues, please email cpsc-questions@alston.com or visit the firm's website at <http://www.alston.com>.

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