

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY OFFICE

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To : Suppliers of children's toys
Subject : Children's toys must comply with ISO 8124, EN 71 or ASTM F963

This circular is to remind suppliers that children's toys supplied in Singapore must conform with applicable international safety standards as required under the Consumer Protection (Consumer Goods Safety Requirement) Regulations.

2 The Consumer Product Safety Office (CPSO) conducts regular post-market surveillance to detect non-compliant general consumer goods supplied in Singapore.

Non-compliances detected from surveillance of children's toys

3 Recent surveillance of children's toys detected inappropriate age-grading and non-compliances to the applicable safety standards:

- Presence of small parts which can pose choking hazards
- Components of the toy which were susceptible to breakage, creating small parts which can pose choking hazards or sharp points which can cause injury
- Cords included with, or attached to toys, had a length exceeding 300mm, which can pose risk of strangulation
- Small high-powered magnets were found to be easily detachable from the toy, posing a risk of ingestion and causing severe damage to internal organs
- Lack of warning labels to alert consumers about risks associated with the toy (e.g. choking hazard, strangulation risk)
- Plastic packaging used for the toy was made of a material that was too thin, posing a risk of asphyxiation

4 Suppliers of these children's toys were directed to cease supply.

Reminder to children's toys suppliers

5 Suppliers of children's toys must ensure compliance to applicable international safety standards such as ISO 8124, EN 71 or ASTM F963 in accordance with appropriate age grading.

6 Suppliers of children's toys must also ensure that appropriate age grading, safety instructions and warnings are made available to consumers. For online suppliers, such information should be made available on the online listings.

7 Suppliers of any non-compliant general consumer goods will be directed to cease supply. Any person who fails to comply with the directions given by CPSO shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine up to \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term 2 years or to both.

8 For enquiries, contact CPSO at consumerproductsafety@enterprisesg.gov.sg. Alternatively, visit the CPSO website at www.consumerproductsafety.gov.sg.

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