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

December was a relatively quiet month for the CPSC, but major changes are most likely in store for 2017. If tradition holds true, Chairman Elliot Kaye, a Democrat who was nominated by President Obama, will step down and President Trump will have an opportunity to nominate a Republican to chair the commission. A Republican chair will shift the CPSC from its current Democratic majority of three Democratic and two Republican commissioners to a Republican majority with three Republicans and two Democrats. The two Republicans currently on the commission—Commissioners Ann Marie Buerkle and Joseph Mohorovic—have been critical of the CPSC’s dramatic increase in civil penalties over the past few years and the lack of transparency with the civil penalty process. Once there is a Republican majority on the commission, we can expect significant changes to the CPSC’s civil penalty agenda.

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Sincerely,



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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in December 2016

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Child/Infant – 7 Housewares – 4 Miscellaneous – 3 Sporting Goods – 3 Vehicle – 2
Yard Equipment – 2 Appliance – 1 Construction Materials – 1 Electronics – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Playground Slide Press Release	Child/Infant	Amputation Hazard	2	1,300
Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	2,700
Christmas Tin Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking/Ingestion Hazard	0	5,000
Scooter Press Release	Child/Infant	Fall Hazard	1	520
Bath Seat/Chair Press Release	Child/Infant	Drowning Hazard	0	7,000
Stroller Press Release	Child/Infant	Laceration/Fall Hazard	18	29,400
Denim Jacket Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	500 U.S. 25 Can.
Candle Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	0	31,000 U.S. 300 Can.
Food Processor Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	30	8 million U.S. 300,000 Can.
Gift Box Press Release	Housewares	Mold Exposure Hazard	9	8,400 U.S. 2 Can.
Menorah Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	2,600
Smoker Press Release	Miscellaneous	Fire Hazard	0	41,000
Hoverboard Press Release	Miscellaneous	Fire Hazard	0	1,900

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Grill Press Release	Miscellaneous	Fire Hazard	0	1,700
Crossbow Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	1	3,800
Bicycle Light Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	0	600
Crossbow Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	1	3,300
ATV Press Release	Vehicle	Crash Hazard	0	3,400
ATV Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	9,900
Chainsaw Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	8,000
Chainsaw Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	19,500
Air Valve Press Release	Miscellaneous	Choking Hazard	0	10,000
Leaf and Lawn Vacuum Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	3,900

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in December.

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 consumer complaint database, www.SaferProducts.gov. For additional information or questions about recalls, the SaferProducts.gov database or other CPSC issues, please email jenifer.keenan@alston.com or visit the firm's website at www.alston.com.

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