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CPSC RECALL SNAPSHOT

A MONTHLY REVIEW OF CONSUMER PRODUCT RECALLS
AND CIVIL PENALTIES ANNOUNCED BY THE CPSC

March 2018

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

February was a busy month for the CPSC. Several commissioners and staff members attended the International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO) annual meeting. While there, they reflected on the past work done by the CPSC and shared their visions for the CPSC in the future, covering areas including cybersecurity and the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, and social media. They shared four focuses going forward: (1) being data driven; (2) employing effective risk assessment practices; (3) addressing product import issues; and (4) improving outreach and education. In addition, Acting Chairman Buerkle and representatives from Health Canada and Mexico's PROFECO ratified a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding, available [here](#). A goal of the now formalized MOU is to "facilitate better regulatory cooperation and technical exchanges among product safety authorities to share best practices and improve the potential for alignment of requirements at high levels of safety."

Also in February, the CPSC took the unusual action of filing an administrative complaint against a company, alleging that the company's jogging strollers contain design defects that present a substantial product hazard. Specifically, the complaint alleges that the strollers' quick release can fail to secure the front wheel to the fork, allowing the front wheel to suddenly detach during use. The complaint charges that consumers reported stroller wheel detachments that have injured both adults and children. Injuries have purportedly included concussions and dental injuries in children and fractured bones and torn ligaments in adults. The CPSC voted 3-1 to authorize the issuance of the complaint after the company declined to recall or repair the strollers. The CPSC seeks a finding that the strollers present a substantial product hazard and an order forcing the company to provide various remedies to stop further incidents and injuries to the public. More information is available [here](#).

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in February 2018

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Housewares – 7
Electronics – 2

Child/Infant – 4
Sporting Goods – 2

Furniture – 3
Vehicle – 2

Yard Equipment – 3
Miscellaneous – 1

| PRODUCT | PRODUCT CATEGORY | ALLEGED HAZARD | REPORTED INJURIES | NUMBER OF PRODUCTS |
|---|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Gas Fire Pit Press Release | Housewares | Burn Hazard | 3 | 58,000 |
| Candle Press Release | Housewares | Fire Hazard | 0 | 8,400 |
| Lamp Socket Press Release | Housewares | Fire Hazard | 0 | 3,000 |
| Crystal Mug Press Release | Housewares | Burn/Laceration Hazard | 0 | 3,300 |
| Hair Dryer Press Release | Housewares | Burn Hazard | 3 | 73,000 U.S. 1,000 Can. |
| Electric Blanket & Throw Press Release | Housewares | Fire/Burn Hazard | 1 | 9,600 |
| Electric Kettle Press Release | Housewares | Fall Hazard | 4 | 40,200 U.S. 47,300 Can. 1,600 Mex. |
| Children's Sleepwear Press Release | Child/Infant | Burn Hazard | 0 | 1,100 U.S. 380 Can. |
| Blinds Press Release | Child/Infant | Strangulation Hazard | 0 | 550 U.S. 60 Can. |
| Children's Romper Press Release | Child/Infant | Choking Hazard | 0 | 3,800 U.S. 140 Can. |
| Infant Bodysuit Press Release | Child/Infant | Choking Hazard | 0 | 194,500 U.S. 103,100 Can. |
| Rolling Chair Press Release | Furniture | Fall Hazard | 0 | 2,800 |

| PRODUCT | PRODUCT CATEGORY | ALLEGED HAZARD | REPORTED INJURIES | NUMBER OF PRODUCTS |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Glass Table Press Release | Furniture | Laceration/Injury Hazard | 0 | 5,400 |
| Recliner Chair Press Release | Furniture | Fall Hazard | 0 | 15,500 |
| Riding Mower Press Release | Yard Equipment | Laceration Hazard | 0 | 37,000 U.S. 18 Can. |
| Electric Chainsaw Press Release | Yard Equipment | Injury Hazard | 0 | 48,100 U.S. 2,100 Can. |
| Riding Mower Press Release | Yard Equipment | Fire Hazard | 0 | 7,100 |
| Laptop Press Release | Electronics | Fire Hazard | 0 | 78,000 U.S. 5,500 Can. |
| Battery Pack Press Release | Electronics | Fire/Burn Hazard | 0 | 5,800 U.S. 606 Can. |
| Bicycle Press Release | Sporting Goods | Crash Hazard | 0 | 5,550 U.S. 390 Can. 260 Mex. |
| Folding Bicycle Press Release | Sporting Good | Fall Hazard | 0 | 150 |
| Mini Bike Press Release | Vehicle | Fire Hazard | 0 | 1,800 |
| Golf Cart / PTV Press Release | Vehicle | Crash Hazard | 0 | 161,000 |
| Gasoline Engine Press Release | Miscellaneous | Fire/Fuel Leak Hazard | 0 | 2,400 |

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in February 2018.

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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