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CPSC Recall Snapshot

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

August 2017

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

Last month, the CPSC held a Recall Effectiveness Workshop, which was organized to allow the CPSC staff and industry stakeholders to discuss the CPSC recall process. The CPSC focused on input from stakeholders on what an effective recall entails and achieves. Among the many topics discussed, the CPSC sought ideas on how to use new technologies and social media to improve recall effectiveness. In addition, a repeated idea pressed by several stakeholders was that the CPSC should utilize a tiered recall process similar to other federal agencies. In other words, procedures for more “dangerous” product recalls would differ from those for less dangerous product recalls, similar to the FDA’s tiered medical device approval procedures. Such a tiered system might not require every recall to be publicly announced (at least not in the same way). Only time will tell what changes, if any, the CPSC will make to the recall process in light of this workshop.

In addition, President Trump announced his intent to nominate Ann Marie Buerkle to serve as chairman of the CPSC and to serve an additional seven-year term at the CPSC, beginning October 27, 2018. Buerkle has been serving as acting chairman since February 7, 2017. She issued the following statement regarding the announcement: “I am honored that the President intends to nominate me to be Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Since joining CPSC in 2013 I have been actively involved in protecting consumers in collaboration with my colleagues, the dedicated staff, and all stakeholders from the product safety community. I look forward to continuing that work and, if Senate confirmed, to the opportunity to serve as Chairman of this valuable agency.” More information about Acting Chairman Buerkle can be found in our [March 2017 CPSC Recall Snapshot](#).

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Sincerely,



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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in July 2017

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Housewares – 6

Vehicle – 5

Sporting Goods – 3

Child/Infant – 2

Apparel – 1

Appliance – 1

Miscellaneous – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Beer Mug Press Release	Housewares	Burn/Laceration Hazard	1	500 U.S. 1,500 Can.
Propane Cylinder Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Explosion Hazard	0	24,000 U.S. 1,100 Can.
Mosquito Zapper Press Release	Housewares	Shock Hazard	0	3,700
Mattress Press Release	Housewares	Fire Hazard	0	12,200
Chandelier Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	10,500
Magnetic Dry Erase Board Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	40	1.6 million
All-Terrain Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Fuel Leak/Fire Hazard	0	25,600
Seat Harness Press Release	Vehicle	Fall/Projectile Hazard	0	2,000
Off-Highway Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Crash/Injury Hazard	0	1,160
Off-Highway Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Fuel Leak/Fire Hazard	0	16,800
Utility Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Crash Hazard	0	4,000
Exercise Machine Press Release	Sporting Goods	Impact Hazard	31	3,600

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Electric Bicycle Conversion Wheel Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall/Crash Hazard	0	230
Crossbow/Rifle Trigger Press Release	Sporting Goods	Injury Hazard	0	2,000 U.S. 2,000 Can.
Chipmunk Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Laceration Hazard	1	9,300 U.S. 4,700 Can.
Activity Toy Press Release	Child/Infant	Choking Hazard	0	14,400 U.S. 1,000 Can.
Scarf Press Release	Apparel	Burn Hazard	0	1,700
Water Dispenser Press Release	Appliance	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	12,300
Hoverboard Press Release	Miscellaneous	Fire Hazard	0	2,800

The CPSC did not announce any civil penalties in July.

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