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CPSC Recall Snapshot

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AND CIVIL PENALTIES ANNOUNCED BY THE CPSC

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

In November, the CPSC, Health Canada and Mexico's Consumer Protection Federal Agency (PROFECO) held their Third North America Consumer Product Safety Summit in Mexico City. The three consumer protection agencies met to work together to "protect children in all three nations from harmful toys," said CPSC Chairman Elliot F. Kaye. The Summit also involved an evaluation of the progress made in product safety monitoring and cooperation among the three countries since the previous summit was held in Ottawa, Canada, in 2013. These agencies work together to put forth joint industry trainings, consumer outreach and education, and have even issued three trilateral recall announcements of harmful toys and children's products. The CPSC's website indicates that the three nations are seeking to create "a safer marketplace" by implementing "(1) strong safety standards that are enforced, (2) inspections at import, and (3) an emphasis on quality safety manufacturing overseas."

We hope you find the *Snapshot* of last month's 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.

Click [here](#) to subscribe to the *Snapshot*. For additional information or questions about CPSC issues, please email me at jenifer.keenan@alston.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenifer Keenan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Voluntary Recalls Announced by the CPSC in November 2015

NUMBER OF RECALLS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

Housewares – 11 Child/Infant – 4 Yard Equipment – 4 Vehicle – 2 Apparel – 1
Appliance – 1 Electronics – 1 Furniture – 1 Miscellaneous – 1 Sporting Goods – 1

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Curling Iron Press Release	Housewares	Burn Hazard	2	8,400 U.S. 800 Can.
Fireworks Press Release	Housewares	Burn/Fire/ Impact Hazard	0	36,500
Light Fixture Press Release	Housewares	Impact/Injury/ Laceration Hazard	0	110
Wax Warmer Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Burn Hazard	2	32,000
Blender Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	53	1.1 million U.S. 99,000 Can.
Adapter Kit Press Release	Housewares	Fire/Shock Hazard	0	700 U.S. 200 Can.
Fish Bowl Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	14	81,300 U.S. 4,000 Can.
Betta Bowl Kit Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	5	148,000 U.S. 8,000 Can.
Pencil Sharpener Press Release	Housewares	Shock Hazard	1	44,000
Candle Press Release	Housewares	Laceration Hazard	16	720,000
Frother Press Release	Housewares	Ingestion/Choking Hazard	0	5,000

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	ALLEGED HAZARD	REPORTED INJURIES	NUMBER OF PRODUCTS
Window Shades Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	0	55,500
Window Shades Press Release	Child/Infant	Strangulation Hazard	0	240
Straw Tumbler Press Release	Child/Infant	Ingestion/ Aspiration Hazard	0	130,000
Jacket Press Release	Child/Infant	Entanglement/ Entrapment/ Strangulation Hazard	0	40
Tractor Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	2,000 U.S. 100 Can.
Edger/Trimmer/Pole Pruner Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	140,000 U.S. 16,000 Can.
Mower Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	8,600 U.S. 400 Can.
Mower Press Release	Yard Equipment	Fire Hazard	0	500 U.S. 6 Can.
Golf/Transport Vehicle Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	11,600
Snowmobile Press Release	Vehicle	Fire Hazard	0	2,800
Ear Plug Jewelry Press Release	Apparel	Burn Hazard	3	8,400
Air Conditioning/Heating Unit Press Release	Appliance	Fire Hazard	0	33,500
Battery Pack Press Release	Electronics	Fire/Burn Hazard	0	56,000 U.S. 800 Can.
Outdoor Rocker Chair Press Release	Furniture	Fall Hazard	0	30,500
Various Products Press Release	Miscellaneous	Fire/Burn/Shock/ Fall/Laceration/ Injury Hazard	0	2,310
Bicycle Press Release	Sporting Goods	Fall Hazard	0	530

Civil Penalties Announced by CPSC in November 2015

PRODUCT	PRODUCT CATEGORY	BASIS FOR PENALTY	CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNT
Lamp Press Release	Housewares	<p>Knowing failure to report a defect and an unreasonable risk of serious injury with compact fluorescent lamps.</p> <p>The lamps were recalled in 2011 after the company began receiving complaints about glass separating from the body of the lamps and striking people and objects. These incidents resulted in 10 reports of lacerations and 7 reports of property damage.</p>	\$2 million

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 jenifer.keenan@alston.com or visit the firm's website at www.alston.com.

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