

Analysis of Consumer Products Recall Cases (December 2022)




In December 2022, there were totally 16 consumer products recalled cases (excluding toys, electrical appliances and textiles) from EU Rapex system. As for country of origin, three were from Turkey, one was from Bulgaria, one was from Vietnam, one was from France, two were unknown, the rest were all from mainland of China. There were 3 products (inflatable baby swimming float, Pencil case) cases were recalled that contain excessive concentration of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), this phthalate may harm the health of children, possibly causing damage to their reproductive system.

There were 2 recalled cases from America, as for country of origin, one was from Vietnam, one was from mainland of China.

There were 4 recalled cases from Canada, as for country of origin, one was from Italy, one was from Vietnam, one was of Taiwan of China, one was from mainland of China.

There were 2 recalled cases from Australia, which the country of origin was unknown.

EU Recalls

NO.	Picture	Recalled Products	Recall Reasons	Violations	Measures
1		Baby Lock (China)	A child could detach small parts from the baby lock (caps), and swallow it, which may cause choking.	GPSD regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market
2		Inflatable baby swimming float (Unknown)	The plastic material of the ring contains an excessive concentration of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (measured value up to 9.7% by weight). This phthalate may harm the health of children, possibly causing damage to their reproductive system.	REACH regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market
3		Inflatable children's swimming float (China)	The plastic material of the ring contains an excessive concentration of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (measured value up to 10.6% by weight). This phthalate may harm the health of children, causing damage to their reproductive system.	REACH Regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market

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4		Particle filter mask (China)	The product advertises a protective potential against (viral) particles but its filtering capacity has not been tested by a relevant competent European conformity assessment body. Consequently, it is not proven that the product fulfils the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect.	PPE Regulation	Ban on the marketing of the product
5		Children's mattress (Bulgaria)	The mattress does not meet the firmness requirements. A child may suffocate as a result. The zipper puller easily detaches and a child may put it in the mouth and choke. The product does not have the required leaflet providing the consumer with information about safe and correct use.	EN 16890	Stop of sales
6		Particle filter mask (China)	The particle/filter retention of the material is insufficient (measured values: as low as 85%). Consequently, the product does not fulfil the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect.	EN 149	Withdrawal of the product from the market
7		Particle filter mask (China)	The total filtration capacity of the mask is insufficient (measured mean values: as low as 67%). Consequently, the product does not fulfil the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect.	EN 149	Withdrawal of the product from the market
8		Particle filter mask (Turkey)	The total filtration capacity of the mask is insufficient (measured values: as low as 85%). Consequently, the product does not fulfil the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect.	EN 149	Withdrawal of the product from the market

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9		Particle filter mask (Turkey)	The particle/filter retention of the material is insufficient (measured values: as low as 88%) and the total filtration capacity of the mask is insufficient (measured mean values: as low as 83%). Consequently, the product does not fulfil the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect.	EN 149	Withdrawal of the product from the market
10		Soother holder (China)	The chain can easily break, resulting in small parts. A small child may put them in the mouth and choke.	EN 12586	Withdrawal of the product from the market
11		Disposable electronic cigarette (China)	The product contains an excessive volume of nicotine-containing liquid and an excessive concentration of nicotine. This could lead to the accidental consumption of a high dose of nicotine.	Tobacco Products Directive	Withdrawal of the product from the market
12		Ear studs (Vietnam)	The rate of nickel release is too high (measured value up to 0.64 µg/cm ² /week). Nickel is a strong sensitiser and can cause allergic reactions if present in articles that come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin.	REACH Regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market

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13		Pencil case (China)	The product contains an excessive concentration of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (measured value up to 15% by weight). This phthalate may harm the health of children, causing possible damage to their reproductive system.	REACH Regulation	Import rejected at border
14		Soother holder (France)	The product has small detachable parts (plastic clip and plastic ring), which the child can easily access, put in the mouth and choke. In addition, the soother holder is too long and may lead to strangulation of a child.	EN 12586	Withdrawal of the product from the market
15		Particle filter mask (Turkey)	The total filtration capacity of the mask is insufficient (measured mean values: as low as 67%). Consequently, the product does not fulfil the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect.	EN 149	Withdrawal of the product from the market
16		Decorative food (Unknown)	Small parts (fake sugar crystals) can easily detach. A small child may put them in the mouth and choke.	Food Imitating Directive	Withdrawal of the product from the market

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1		Home Bed Rails (China)	When the bedrail is attached, users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress. This poses a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation.	Replace
2		Baby Cribs (Vietnam)	The mattress support pins can become loose or not fit properly causing the mattress to fall, posing a fall hazard.	Refund

Canada Recalls

NO.	Picture	Recalled Products	Recall Reasons	Measures
1		Bassinets and Change Tables (China)	If the bassinet structural support bars are not in place and fully assembled in accordance with the manufacturer instructions, and if an unattended infant is placed cross-wise on the bassinet without the bassinet structural support bars in place, an uneven sleeping surface may be created posing a potential risk of injury or death due to suffocation. If a child is left unattended in the bassinet or playard portion of the playard while the change table accessory is installed, contrary to the manufacturer instructions, a child could attempt to lift the change table accessory posing a potential risk of injury or death due to entrapment.	Replace

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2		Chair (Italy)	The star-shaped support base of the chair may unexpectedly detach, posing a fall and injury hazard.	Refund
3		Baby Cribs (Vietnam)	The mattress support pins do not fit in the holes properly on all levels of the mattress support causing the potential for a fall and entrapment hazards.	Refund
4		Pacifier & Teether (Taiwan of China)	Pacifier handle can detach, releasing small parts that may pose a choking hazard to young children.	Refund

Australia Recalls

NO.	Picture	Recalled Products	Recall Reasons	Measures
1		Stroller (Unknown)	A child not seated in the stroller could insert their finger in the brake disc which may lead to an amputation injury.	Replace
2		Folding cot (Unknown)	Incorrect assembly of the cot may create a risk of injury to small children.	Repair

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