

Alert number **0442/08**



Notifying country **Germany**

Product category **Toys**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Joke item - "Puff Puff cigarettes"**

Brand **HAPPY INDUSTRIAL LIMITED**

Type / number of model **Barcode 4012825533003, article n° 533000**

Product description **Imitation cigarettes (rolled paper resembling a lit cigarette) with ash at the tip and a standard filter at the other end. Blowing into it releases a fine white powder from the tip, which is supposed to look like real smoke**

Risk type **Chemical**

Risk description **The product poses a chemical risk because inhalation of the starch-talcum mixture may lead to respiratory tract irritation and inflammation. The powder contained within the cigarette is supposed to be released when it is blown into, imitating cigarette smoke. Inhaling, as with real cigarettes, is a foreseeable condition of use. One incident reported.**

Country of origin **Hong Kong**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary recall from the consumers by the distributor.
Other**

Alert number

0441/08



Notifying country **The Netherlands**

Product category **Chemical products**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Rubber solution in bicycle repair kit**

Brand **BICYCLE GEAR**

Type / number of model **Item 68327 EAN-code 8711252 683270**

Product description **64 Pcs Repair Kit. The clear plastic box includes a metal tube containing approx 20 ml of rubber solution. The tube is labelled in 4 languages "Glue-Leim-Lijm-Colle". The clear plastic box also includes several bicycle spare-parts.**

Risk type **Chemical**

Risk description **The product poses a chemical risk because it contains 18.4 m/m% of benzene and more then 50 m/m% of toluene. Benzene is classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic and toxic. Toluene is classified as reprotoxic and harmful. According to the Chemical Restrictions Directive, benzene and toluene are prohibited in consumer products at levels above 0.1%.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Administrative fine ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Stop of sales, withdrawal from the market and recall from consumers by the distributor.
Other**

Alert number

0440/08



Notifying country **Italy**

Product category **Chemical products**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Rubber solution in bicycle repair kit**

Brand **RIPARA E VAI ("Repair and Go")**

Type / number of model **"RIPARA E VAI" kit, Article code 263264, bar code 8 016565 004782, "RIPARA BICI" set, Article code 263315, bar code 8 016565004058.**

Product description **"RIPARA E VAI" kit: the packaging consists of a sheet of cardboard and a clear plastic casing containing the kit, which consists of: two small metal levers, one small metal scraper, one multi-purpose spanner in metal with some rubber parts, a small tube containing the mastic bearing the words "RED SUN", ideograms of a skull and crossbones and an orange flame on a white background. The "RIPARA BICI" set contains some rubber patches of various sizes, one small metal scraper and a small tube containing the mastic bearing the words "RED SUN", ideograms of a skull and crossbones and an orange flame on a white background.**

Risk type **Chemical**

Risk description **The product poses a chemical risk because the benzene content is higher than that permitted under the Chemical Restriction Directive 76/769/EEC. Given that benzene is classified as a Category I carcinogen, the risk is posed by contact and inhalation.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public
authorities

**Other : Sales ban and withdrawal from the market ordered
by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0439/08**

Notifying country **Italy**

Product category **Electrical appliances and equipment**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Wall-mounted condensing gas boilers**

Brand **BUDERUS**

Type / number of model **Logamax plus GB 142-24 and GB 142-30 (serial numbers between 01-7246 and 01-7290).**

Product description **Housing of the power connectors for the boiler's main switch.**

Risk type **Fire**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of fire because the housings of the defective plugs show an abnormal percentage (up to 13%) of coal (or soot) residues, and levels of polypropylene that do not correspond to those indicated in the specifications. The condition of these materials means that, contrary to the design specifications, the housings of the defective plugs are slightly electrically conductive, to a varying extent depending on the make-up of the material used. It should be noted that this leakage of current cannot in any way cause an electric shock to anyone using the equipment because the housing in question is located in an area that is not accessible.**

Country of origin **The Netherlands**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary corrective action taken by the importer.
Other**

Alert number **0438/08**



Notifying country	Lithuania
Product category	Toys
Type	Consumer
Product	Expanding toys - "Colored Growing"
Brand	HINGFAT TOYS MANUFACTURER®
Type / number of model	No.533,
Barcode	2000053313957
Product description	Expanding toy sea-shell made from hard spongy and expanding polymeric, in multicoloured material. The toy contains the following markings: "COLORED GROWING", "It grows in water!", "Caution: Do not swallow", "WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD- Small parts. Not for children under 3 Years", "EXPAND 600 % OF SIZE" and trademark with lettering: "HingFat TOYS MANUFACTURER®, art. No.533". It also carries a CE mark, a pictogram concerning age 0-3 restriction and an adhesive tag with an inscription in Lithuanian. Size of toy - (65 x 60 x 35 mm), mass - 22.5 gr.
Risk type	Choking
Risk description	The product poses a risk of choking because the figure and the parts of the expanding figure grow in size by more than 50% when submerged in water. If a child swallows parts of this toy, contact with the saliva or gastric juices will cause the toy to grow in size, which may cause asphyxia or gastrointestinal injuries. The product does not comply with the Toys Directive and with the relevant European standard EN 71.

Country of origin

People's Republic of China

Measures ordered by public
authorities

**Other : Sales ban, withdrawal from the market and recall
from consumers ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0437/08**



Notifying country **Greece**

Product category **Electrical appliances and equipment**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Hair crimper**

Brand **TRENDY**

Type / number of model **Art. 2637 17/07, barcode 4 260089 612310.**

Product description **White-coloured electrical appliance for hair treatment (crimping), sold in white cardboard box displaying pictures of the product. Technical characteristics: 100-240V, 50Hz, 20-25 W.**

Risk type **Burns
Cuts
Electric shock**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of burns, electric shock and cuts because : - in some parts, the temperature increase is beyond the maximum permitted limit, - the heating elements separated from the accessible metal parts have only basic insulation (it should be double or reinforced), - the product fails the damp test, - the product contains sharp edges. The product does not comply with the Low Voltage Directive and the relevant European standard EN 60335.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Sales ban and withdrawal from the market and recall from consumers ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number

0436/08



Notifying country

Greece

Product category

Electrical appliances and equipment

Type

Consumer

Product

Vacuum cleaner

Brand

MATSUI

Type / number of model

Model MVC2000M, code 923709, barcode 5017416 211871

Product description

Red-coloured, bag-less vacuum cleaner, sold in grey cardboard box displaying a picture of the cleaner. Technical characteristics: 230V, 50Hz, 2000W max.

Risk type

Fire

Risk description

The product poses a risk of fire because the plastic covering of the mains supply cord (blue) does not comply with resistance requirements regarding flammability and fire spread in parts of non-metallic material. The product does not comply with the Low Voltage Directive and the relevant European standard EN 60335.

Country of origin

People's Republic of China

Measures ordered by public authorities

**Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0435/08**



Notifying country **Czechia**

Product category **Toys**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Rattle set**

Brand **BABY PLAY SET**

Type / number of model **Rattles No. 8808, 1004, 1016 and 1017**

Product description **Four colourful plastic babies' rattles placed in sets: No. 8810 (10 pcs), No. 3803 (5 pcs) and No. 3310 (10 pcs). Packaged in a cardboard box with a transparent film at the front.**

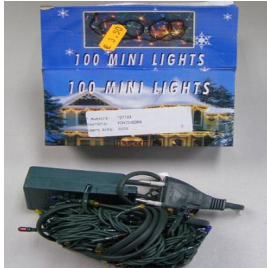
Risk type **Choking
Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of: 1. Choking: because the glued seams may come apart and small plastic balls are accessible, 2. Injuries: because a child's fingers could be entrapped between the edge of the rattle and the ball inside. The product does not comply with the Toys Directive and with the relevant European standard EN 71.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Sales ban ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0434/08**



Notifying country **Spain**

Product category **Lighting chains**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Lighting chain**

Brand **Unknown**

Type / number of model **100 MINI LIGHTS, Bar code: 5606948206068**

Product description **Lighting chain with 100 coloured lights. The packaging is a cardboard box with a blue background and the wording '100 mini lights'.**

Risk type **Electric shock
Fire**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of electric shock and fire because:
- the terminals do not comply with the requirements for permanent connections, - the characteristics of the chain's cable are lower than that specified in the relevant Standard and the nominal cross-section of the conductors is 0.06 mm², which is less than the 0.50 mm² required by the Standard, - the cable fails the tensile test (50 times a force of 30 N) required by the Standard. The product does not comply with the Low Voltage Directive and the relevant European standard EN 60598.**

Country of origin **Unknown**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0433/08**

Notifying country **Germany**

Product category **Motor vehicles**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Motorcycle**

Name **BMW F 800 S and BMW F 800 ST**

Brand **BMW**

EC-type approval/model **K71 / F-series. Approval type: E8ST. Approval number: e1*2002/24*0283**

Product description **Motorcycles manufactured between January 2005 and November 2007 are affected. Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN):- F 800 S: ZP15000 - ZP23168- F 800 ST: ZR00000 - ZR09416.**

Risk type **Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of injuries because of insufficient pressure equalisation in the fuel tank which may cause it to expand close to the rear wheel and thus become damaged by rubbing against the rear wheel tyre.**

Country of origin **Germany**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary corrective action taken by the manufacturer
Other**

Alert number **0432/08**



Notifying country **Spain**

Product category **Childcare articles and children's equipment**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Baby carrier**

Brand **PRENATAL**

Type / number of model **Model: Canguro so tender, Ref. 479934**

Product description **Red, textile baby carrier. The packaging is a cardboard box with text in various languages, including Spanish.**

Risk type **Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of injuries because : - the minimum size of the leg opening is bigger than the maximum permitted limit, - the belt and straps of the carrier's attachment system do not have the minimum width of 40 mm, - the instructions for use are incomplete and the carrier's label is not marked with the recommended minimum and maximum weight of the child for which the carrier is intended. The product does not comply with the relevant European standard EN 13209.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0431/08**



Notifying country **Spain**

Product category **Toys**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Soft toy cow**

Brand **MBS**

Type / number of model **Ref.: PEL0928**

Product description **A plush cow with a textile label.**

Risk type **Choking**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of choking because: - small parts can be released if the toy's right horn is detached, - the stuffing consists of small plastic balls, which are accessible if the toy's tail is detached. The product does not comply with the Toys Directive and with the relevant European standard EN 71.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0430/08**



Notifying country **Spain**

Product category **Childcare articles and children's equipment**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Soother with chain and clip**

Brand **VIDAL**

Type / number of model **Ref. 354, Batch 02/2007**

Product description **Latex pacifier with plastic support and clip. The packaging is a labelled blister pack containing two units.**

Risk type **Choking**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of choking because the teat can come off when a force of less than 90 N is applied. The product does not comply with the relevant European standards EN 1400 and EN 12586.**

Country of origin **Spain**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities
Other**

Alert number **0429/08**

Notifying country **Germany**

Product category **Motor vehicles**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Passenger car - Daimler AG , sales designation Mercedes-Benz SLR-McLaren**

Brand **MERCEDES-BENZ**

EC-type approval/model **Type 199, EU type approval e11*2001/116*0226***

Product description **Concerns vehicles manufactured in 2006-2007 with VIN range: WDD299xxxxM001266 to WDD299xxxxM001518.**

Risk type **Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of injuries because the windscreen has not been properly glued according to production procedures and, in the event of an accident, it could come out of its frame. Owing to the loss of support which the windscreen provides for the passenger airbag, this would make the retention systems less effective and, in the case of convertibles, would reduce the crash resistance of the A-pillar.**

Country of origin **Germany**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary corrective actions taken by the importer.
Other**

Alert number **0428/08**



Notifying country **The Netherlands**

Product category **Chemical products**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Rubber solution in bicycle repair kit.**

Brand **BICYCLE GEAR**

Type / number of model **Item 84333, Ean-code 8711252 843339.**

Product description **24 Pcs repair kit. The black/yellow nylon bag includes a metal tube containing approx 20 ml of rubber solution. The tube is labelled in 4 languages "Glue-Leim-Lijm-Colle". The clear plastic box also includes several bicycle spare-parts.**

Risk type **Chemical**

Risk description **The product poses a chemical risk because it contains 38.9 m/m% benzene and more then 50 m/m% toluene. Benzene is classified as carcinogenic Cat I, mutagenic Cat II and toxic. Toluene is classified as reprotoxic Cat III, and is harmful.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Sales ban and withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0427/08**



Notifying country **Finland**

Product category **Clothing, textiles and fashion items**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Baby clothing - bolero**

Brand **KINDERIT**

Type / number of model **Item n° 8216**

Product description **A knitted baby's bolero with cords; material 96% cotton, 4% elasthane.**

Risk type **Suffocation**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of suffocation by strangulation due to entrapment of the cords. Garments intended for young children may not include drawstrings, functional cords or decorative cords in the hood or neck area. The product does not comply with the relevant European standard EN 14682.**

Country of origin **India**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Import rejected by the customs authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0426/08**

Notifying country **Greece**

Product category **Motor vehicles**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Passenger car - Axle shaft end of passenger car**

Brand **FORD**

EC-type approval/model **Transit 2000.5 RWD (Recall Ref: 7C136).**

Product description **The recall concerns 2003 to 2006 model year FORD Transit cars, produced from 11.12.2003 until 30.04.2006 (Southampton, UK) and from 11.12.2003 until 30.07.2005 (Kocaeli, Turkey).**

Risk type **Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of injuries because of wear within the rear axle, between the axle shafts and the differential pinion shaft. Wearing away of the axle shaft will cause axle noise and a change in the vehicle's handling characteristics may be noticed. In cases of severe wearing, it may be possible for the axle shaft retaining clips to detach, resulting in the axle shafts coming out of the casing, thus causing loss of steering and possible instability.**

Country of origin **United Kingdom**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary corrective action taken by the importer.
Other**

Alert number **0425/08**



Notifying country	Spain
Product category	Electrical appliances and equipment
Type	Consumer
Product	Cord extension set - 4-socket switched extension lead
Brand	RAYDAN
Type / number of model	MODEL 09023
Product description	4-socket extension lead (3 x 1mm -1.5m) with red switch. The packaging is a plastic blister pack with a blue cardboard label.
Risk type	Fire
Risk description	The product poses a risk of fire because the cable is 0.45 mm² in section although, according to the marking, it should be 1 mm². The product does not comply with the Low Voltage Directive and the relevant European standard.
Country of origin	People's Republic of China
Measures ordered by public authorities	Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities. Other

Alert number **0424/08**



Notifying country **Spain**

Product category **Childcare articles and children's equipment**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Playpen**

Brand **GALASSIA**

Type / number of model **Model: 025**

Product description **The packaging is a cardboard box with a label marked: "L. ROSSI IBERICA, S.L". Inside the box is a label marked: GALASSIA. Art. 025.**

Risk type **Choking
Suffocation**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of: 1. Choking: - the rim of the playpen can be punctured by teeth and it is possible to pull off pieces of the foam filling, which in turn generates a small part that fits completely into the small parts cylinder, 2. Suffocation: - by strangulation because of gaps and openings. In addition, the instructions for use do not indicate that the playpen should not be used without its base or advise that all assembly fittings must always be properly tightened. The product does not comply with the European standard EN 12227.**

Country of origin **Italy**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Products were found and
measures were taken also in

Hungary



Alert number **0423/08**



Notifying country **Poland**

Product category **Motor vehicles**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Quad**

Brand **Unknown**

EC-type approval/model **ZYZC0801021020ST.**

Company recall code **152FMH80107127**

Product description **The product is a four-wheel vehicle AT ATV with a 49cc combustion engine. The product is protected from damage by a metal frame, size: 114 x 68 x 60 cm. On the product there are markings: ZYZC0801021020ST on the axle of back wheels and a barcode sticker on the gearbox: 152FMH80107127. The quad body is painted red and other parts are black.**

Risk type **Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of injuries because of: - sharp edges and incorrectly welded elements, - the electrical elements are not protected against wet conditions, which can cause a short circuit, - insufficient protection of fuel pipe, - asymmetrical frame of the vehicle, which makes it easily collapsible. The product does not comply with the Machinery Directive.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public
authorities

Other : Import rejected by the customs authorities.
Other



Alert number **0422/08**



Notifying country	Poland
Product category	Motor vehicles
Type	Consumer
Product	Mini motorbike
Brand	Unknown
EC-type approval/model	Model - HB-GS02C.
Product description	The product is a two-wheel vehicle with combustion engine 49cc. The product is packed in a cardboard box, dimensions: 114.5 x 25.5 x 66 cm. On the box there are the following markings: Model HB-GS02C; OTY: 1 PC; NW 22 KGS; GW: 24 KGS; MEAS: 99.5X28X53CM, colour (not indicated), CE, the name and address of importer, manufacturing date: January 2008, and an oval logo with a small vehicle inside.
Risk type	Fire Injuries
Risk description	The product poses a risk of : 1. Injuries because of : - sharp edges and incorrectly welded elements, - insufficient chain-guard, - the steering mechanism has no constraint, which can cause the steering wheel to block, and when turned it scratches the fuel tank, - the shape of the frame makes the vehicle less durable and easily collapsible. 2. Fire because : - the electrical elements are not protected against wet conditions, which can cause a short circuit, - the fuel pipe is not sufficiently protected, which could cause fire. The product does not comply with the Machinery Directive.
Country of origin	People's Republic of China

Measures ordered by public
authorities

Other : Import rejected by the customs authorities.
Other



Alert number **0421/08**



Notifying country **Italy**

Product category **Other**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Decorative plastic articles**

Brand **LINEA CASA IN**

Type / number of model **Potatoes, aubergines, tomatoes: barcode 8019050260953. The articles resembling fruit do not have bar codes.**

Product description **Various fruit and vegetables packaged individually in cling film, bearing the following labels - on the vegetables: "imported by LINEA CASA IN Srl, Italy - Made in P.R.C."; - on the fruit: "ART: Plastic fruit - Made in P.R.C."**

Risk type **Choking**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of choking as, due to its characteristic form, appearance, colour and size, the product may be mistaken for a foodstuff. This may lead children to put it in their mouth and swallow it, entailing the risk of asphyxia or obstruction of the digestive tract. The product does not comply with Directive 87/357/EEC on products which, appearing to be other than they are, endanger the health or safety of consumers.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Withdrawal from the market ordered by the authorities.
Other**

Alert number **0420/08**



Notifying country **France**

Product category **Clothing, textiles and fashion items**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Children's top and trouser set**

Brand **TISSAIA**

Type / number of model **Reference 3606042105993**

Product description **Set consisting of a pair of trousers and a top, both pink.
Size: 6 months**

Risk type **Choking**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of choking due to the presence of elements which can be detached with a force of less than 90 N (buttons). These elements fit into the small parts cylinder and could therefore be ingested or inhaled.**

Country of origin **Portugal**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary withdrawal from the market by the distributor.
Other**

Alert number **0419/08**



Notifying country **The Netherlands**

Product category **Electrical appliances and equipment**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Adaptor**

Brand **TRAVEL & CO,**

Type / number of model **14098**

Product description **Converter plug**

Risk type **Electric shock**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of electric shock because it is possible to place one pin of a plug into the converter plug while at the same time touching the other pin.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary withdrawal from the market.
Other**

Alert number **0418/08**

Notifying country **Sweden**

Product category **Motor vehicles**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Passenger car - Volvo V70, XC70 and S80**

Brand **VOLVO**

EC-type approval/model **- V70 VIN: 31934-36471 - XC70 VIN: 24746-27290 - S80 VIN: 70273-71681**

Product description **Passenger car.**

Risk type **Injuries**

Risk description **The product poses a risk of injuries because one or more screws in the rear seat belts may not have been secured correctly.**

Country of origin **Sweden**

Measures taken by economic operators **Other : Voluntary corrective actions taken by the manufacturer.
Other**

Alert number **0417/08**



Notifying country **Italy**

Product category **Toys**

Type **Consumer**

Product **Toy binoculars**

Brand **NEW STYLE TELESCOPE**

Type / number of model **Item No. 939, article code 09930, barcode 8 004158 099307.**

Product description **Grey metal binoculars with black grip in a blister pack marked "New Style Telescope, 6x30, new challenge, stimulation fun game, item 939-949, Made in China, logo di destinazione 0/3, marchio CE". On the back there is an adhesive label bearing the words "NIZZI TOYS N GIFTS" and the barcode.**

Risk type **Chemical**

Risk description **The product poses a chemical risk due to : - a significant release of irritating, toxic, harmful polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, - the presence of naphthalene and alkylnaphthalenes causing irritation to the skin and eyes, - toluene causing irritation, - other chemical substances such as styrene and ethylbenzene. One incident reported.**

Country of origin **People's Republic of China**

Measures ordered by public authorities **Other : Sales ban and withdrawal from the market and recall from consumers ordered by the authorities.
Other**