NOTIFICATION BY AUSTRALIA

The attached notification, dated 2 October 1986, has been received from Australia and updates the information in notification DPG/Notif.85.12.
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EXPORT OF DOMESTICALLY PROHIBITED GOODS
NOTIFICATION OF MEASURES

The product safety provisions of the Trade Practices Act were amended by the Trade Practices Revision Act 1986 and new provisions came into effect on 1 July 1986 (Sections 65B to 65U).

In summary, the provisions which affect the export of consumer products from Australia are:

- Section 65C: Goods that do not comply with a prescribed consumer product standard, have been declared unsafe or have been permanently banned, must not be exported from Australia by a supplier without the written approval of the Minister.

- Section 65F(7) and (8): If a supplier has supplied goods to a person outside Australia and those goods are subject to recall, either ordered by the Minister or voluntarily undertaken by a supplier, the supplier must advise that other person by notice in writing:
  
  - the goods are subject to recall
  - the nature of the defect or dangerous characteristics, and
  - the nature of any non-compliance with a prescribed consumer product safety standard.

The Minister must also be provided with a copy of the notice within 10 days of the date of the notice. The Attachments to this notification list the goods currently subject to action under Sections 65C, and 65F(7) and (8) of the Trade Practices Act.
The following goods are subject to current 18-month prohibition on supply under the Trade Practices Act and are prohibited from export under Section 65(C):-

- Cosmetics containing over 250 parts per million of lead. These cosmetics present a hazard from the clinical effect associated with lead poisoning (expires 20.12.86).

- Expanding novelties known as "Wonder Water Creatures", "Wonder Growing Pets" and "Magic Eggs" which expand considerably when immersed in liquid and have two dimensions less than 45mm (expires 10.7.87).

- "Mad Dog" Lighter and Refill which contain a flammable propellant which could cause severe eye irritation (expires 10.8.87).

- "Autotrend" Sun Filter which poses a hazard to motor vehicle occupants because it contains metal parts and is made from brittle plastic (expires 2.10.86).

- "Klunk Klip","Comfix" and "Auto Comfort" seat belt accessories impair the correct operation of retractable seat belts and could endanger the lives of vehicle users (expires 2.10.86).

- Glucomannan in tablet form. This dietary product poses an ingestion hazard (expires 13.11.86).

- Toy Glider planes which use a spring loaded launching mechanism which could cause an injury to children's eyes (expires 17.12.86).

- Inflated or inflatable pontoon shoes that are not easily removable. The instability of the shoes could lead to serious falls and they could contribute to drowning (expires 17.2.87).
Erasers in the shape of dummies where the eraser or any component part fails to comply with the ingestion/inhalation hazard test set out in the Australian Toy Standard (expires 9.10.87).

In addition, regulations have been made under s. 62(2) of the Trade Practices Act which prohibit the supply of the following on a permanent basis:

- Apparel, yarns and textile fabrics treated with TRIS flame retardant;
- Candles designed to relight spontaneously when extinguished;
- Balloon blowing kits which contain acetone, polyvinyl acetate, ethyl acetate and/or benzene.

**NOTE:**

Glucomannan, in the form of tablets is the only product listed above which is produced in Australia.
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GOODS SUBJECT TO RECALL

There are currently no goods subject to recall which would be subject to action under Section 65F(7) and (8) of the Trade Practices Act.