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PRODUCTS FOUND BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BE HAZARDOUS

Attached is the letter dated September 15, 2000 of Atty. Alexander B. Arcilla, Director, BIS, DTI furnishing this Bureau with a list of almost all hazardous products particularly toys, with brand name, description and serial numbers, which they received from the Philippine Trade & Investment Center in Washington D.C.

These toys are now being recalled from the store shelves by the US Consumer Products Safety Commission. The Commission also asked to get the recalled toys out of their homes before the new ones arrive for the holidays.

For your information and guidance.

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CPSC Announces Holiday Toy Safety Round-Up

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is conducting a holiday toy safety round-up to get hazardous toys out of people's homes before the holidays. Despite recall notices and public warnings, CPSC has found that many products with the potential to seriously injure or kill are still being used by consumers.

CPSC has some of the stringent toy safety standards in the world, and toys on store shelves are safe because of the day-to-day enforcement work by CPSC. "We do a good job getting recalled toys off store shelves," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "The real challenge is to get recalled toys out of people's homes."

Today, CPSC will launch the holiday toy safety round-up by issuing a list of recalled toys. This list identifies recalled toys that are off store shelves, but may still be in people's homes. Some examples of recalled toys that might be in consumers' homes include:

- "Soft Walkin' Wheels" toy vehicle with serial numbers lower than 9528 or no serial number at all (1,000,000 toys) by Tonka with a small wheel hub that can be a choking hazard.
- "Big Storage Chest" toy chest (350,000 chests) by Step 2 Company with a lid that can fall, causing strangulation or suffocation.