

## Analysis of Consumer Products Recall Cases (May 2022)





In May 2022, there were totally 26 consumer products recalled cases (excluding toys, electrical appliances and textiles) from EU Rapex system. As for country of origin, one was from Germany, one was from Turkey, two were from Hong Kong of China, three were unknown, the rest were all from mainland of China. A total of five jewelry products have been recalled for releasing excessive amounts of nickel, a powerful sensitizer that can cause allergic reactions if it stay on the skin for too long.

There were 3 recalled cases from America, as for country of origin, one was from India, one was Denmark, one was from mainland of China.

There was no recalled case from Canada.

There was 1 recalled case from Australia, which the country of origin was unknown.

### EU Recalls

NO.	Picture	Recalled Products	Recall Reasons	Violations	Measures
1		Disposable electronic cigarette (China)	The nicotine concentration is too high (measured value: 25.5 mg/ml). Besides, the product does not have an information leaflet. Nicotine is acutely toxic in high doses and its inhalation can cause adverse effects. Additionally, when an information leaflet is not provided consumers cannot make informed choices regarding the safe use of the product.	Tobacco Products Directive	Withdrawal of the product from the market
2		Disposable electronic cigarette (China)	The product contains nicotine (20 mg/ml), but it does not have a leaflet providing the consumer with information about safe and correct use of the product. Nicotine is acutely toxic and can endanger the user's safety, notably if the product comes into contact with the skin or is ingested.	Tobacco Products Directive	Withdrawal of the product from the market
3		Disposable electronic cigarette (China)	The product contains nicotine (20 mg/ml), but it does not have a leaflet providing the consumer with information about safe and correct use of the product. Nicotine is acutely toxic and can endanger the user's safety, notably if the product comes into contact with the skin or is ingested.	Tobacco Products Directive	Withdrawal of the product from the market
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5		Particle filter mask (Hong Kong of China)	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
6		Particle filter mask (China)	The particle/filter retention of the material is insufficient (measured values as low as 55%). Consequently, the product does not fulfil the health and safety requirements; thus, even if combined with other recommended measures, it may not properly protect the user.	EN 149	Withdrawal of the product from the market
7		Riding helmet (Germany)	The product can easily break and does not adequately absorb impacts, leading to head injury for the user in the event of a fall or impact.	EN 1078	Withdrawal of the product from the market
8		Necklace (China)	The ball contains an excessive amount of cadmium (measured value up to 95% by weight). Cadmium is harmful to human health because it accumulates in the body, can damage the kidneys and bones, and it may cause cancer.	REACH Regulation	Import rejected at border
9		Earrings (China)	The metal material of petals and stamens contain an excessive amount of cadmium (measured value up to 95% by weight). Cadmium is harmful to human health because it accumulates in the body, can damage the kidneys and bones, and it may cause cancer.	REACH Regulation	Import rejected at border

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10		Children's car seat (China)	The products are not produced according to the required type approval since the approval was limited to another version of the seat with different material and a ceramic white back and body. There is therefore no guarantee that the products fulfil the health and safety requirements corresponding to the type approval and the products may not properly protect users in the event of a car crash.	UN/ECE No. 44-04	Withdrawal of the product from the market
11		Particle filter mask (Turkey)	The particle/filter retention of the material is insufficient (measured values: as low as 76%). 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
12		Bracelet (China)	The product releases an excessive amount of nickel (measured value up to 1,71 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /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	Import rejected at border
13		Earrings (China)	The product releases an excessive amount of nickel (measured value up to 0.29 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /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	Import rejected at border
14		Earrings (China)	The product releases an excessive amount of nickel (measured value up to 0,46 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /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	Import rejected at border

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15		Earrings (China)	The product releases an excessive amount of nickel (measured values: up to 9,64 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /week). Nickel is highly sensitising and can cause allergic reactions when present in articles that remain in prolonged direct contact with the skin.	REACH Regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market
16		Kick scooter (Hong Kong of China)	The bolts securing the connection of the steering tube to the footboard can loosen up, which may result in the steering tube and the footboard disconnecting from each other. A user may fall and be injured.	GPSD Regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market
17		Bangle (China)	The product contains an excessive amount of cadmium (measured value: 85% by weight). Cadmium is harmful to human health, since it accumulates in the body, can harm the kidneys and bones as well as causing cancer.	REACH Regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market
18		Ring (China)	The product releases an excessive amount of nickel (measured value up to 0.74 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /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	Import rejected at border
19		Pruning shears (China)	The handles of the pruning shears contains an excessive amount of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (measured value up to 17 % by weight). These phthalates may harm the health of children, possibly causing damage to their reproductive systems.	REACH Regulation	Import rejected at border

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20		Motorcycle gloves (Unknown)	The product contains chromium VI (measured value up to 17 mg/kg). Chromium (VI) is sensitising and can trigger allergic reactions and can cause cancer.	REACH Regulation	Withdrawal of the product from the market
21		Lightweight mason solar lamps (Unknown)	The product contains an excessive amount of lead (measured value up to: 32 % by weight). Lead poses a risk to the environment. The product contains an excessive amount of cadmium (measured value 0,29 % by weight). Cadmium is harmful to human health because it accumulates in the body, can damage the kidneys and bones, and it may cause cancer.	RoHS Directive	Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures
22		Outdoor solar lamp (Unknown)	The product contains an excessive amount of lead (measured value up to: 67 % by weight). Lead poses a risk to the environment.	RoHS Directive	Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures
23		Lighting chain (China)	The product contains an excessive amount of lead (measured value up to: 38 % by weight). Lead poses a risk to the environment.	RoHS Directive	Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures

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24		Electric toothbrush (China)	The solder contains an excessive amount of lead (measured value 84% by weight). Lead poses a risk to the environment.	RoHS Directive	Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures
25		Outdoor garden furniture (China)	The product is easily flammable and the flame propagation is too high. If it catches fire, the person could suffer burns.	GPSD Regulation	Replace
26		Lighting chain (China)	The solder contains an excessive amount of lead (measured value up to 47% by weight). Lead poses a risk to the environment.	RoHS Directive	Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures

## US Recalls

NO.	Picture	Recalled Products	Recall Reasons	Measures
1		Microwavable bowl holders (India)	The bowl holder's fabric can char after being microwaved for the suggested three minutes, posing a fire hazard.	Refund

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2		Baby Bottles (Denmark)	Hot liquids in the bottle can cause the bumper to shrink, making the bottle tilt over spilling out contents, posing a burn hazard.	Refund
3		Coffee cup (China)	The coffee cup can crack or break when hot water is poured into it, posing a burn hazard.	Refund

## Australia Recalls

NO.	Picture	Recalled Products	Recall Reasons	Measures
1		Car Booster Seat Chair Cushion Pad (Unknown)	Child seats without the correct safety warning label may be used incorrectly, posing an increased risk of serious injury or death to the occupant if the vehicle is in an accident.	Refund

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