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Independent Consumer and Competition Commission Act 2002

SECTION 108(5) DECLARATION (CERTAIN PRAMS AND STROLLERS NOT SAFE)

Pursuant to Section 108(5) of the *Independent Consumer and Competition Commission Act 2002 (ICCC Act)*, the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) hereby declare as unsafe in Papua New Guinea (PNG), prams and strollers of the type described in this Notice. A pram for the purpose of this Notice is a wheeled vehicle with a body of box-like or boat-like shape designed to transport a baby or child weighing up to and including 9kg, primarily in fully reclined position.

A stroller is a wheeled vehicle designed to transport a child usually in a seated position which may also be adjusted to a semi-reclined or fully reclined position.

A pram, stroller cannot be supplied in PNG unless:

- It has a parking (brake) device;
- It has a permanently attached harness assembly;
- It is supplied with tether strap;
- It is permanently and conspicuously marked (in characters no less 2.5mm high) with the following notice:

WARNING:

- **FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS;**
- **PUT ON ALL THE BRAKES WHENEVER YOU PARK THE PRAM/STROLLER;**
- **DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTEND;**
- **DO NOT CARRY EXTRA CHILDREN OR BAGS ON THE PRAM/STROLLERS;**
- **MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE CLEAR OF ANY MOVING PARTS IF YOU ADJUST THE PRAM/STROLLER, OTHERWISE THEY MAY BE INJURED;**
- The labelling on the tether strap is marked in characters no less than 2.5mm high with the following warning: **WARNING: USE THIS STRAP TO STOP THE PRAM/STROLLER ROLLING AWAY;**
- It has a harness labelled with the following warning (WARNING: USE THIS HARNESS AT ALL TIMES) in character no less than 2.5mm high.

Section 108(5) Declaration (Certain Prams And Strollers Not Safe)—*continued*

SUCH PRODUCTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE INJURY BY WAY OF:

Serious injury or death

Children can be put in dangerous situations and risk serious injuries if a pram or stroller rolls away from the carer's control.

Limb and finger injuries

If children gain access to certain parts of the pram or stroller they may trap and/or injure their limbs and fingers.

Falls

Children not properly restrained in a pram or stroller can either fall out or move to a position where it can topple.

Strangulation or suffocation

Strangulation or suffocation can occur if children become trapped in parts of the pram or stroller.

Subject to the above, any person or persons supplying certain prams and strollers with unsafe features described in this Notice shall be in breach of this Notice and Section 108(1) of the *ICCC Act*, and may be liable to a penalty of up to K100,000.00 or imprisonment of up to 2 years, if found guilty by the court. Further, pursuant to Section 111(1) of the *ICCC Act*, action may be taken by the ICCC to recall these products. The ICCC therefore advises that these products should not be supplied in Papua New Guinea.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2018.

P. AIN,
Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer,
For and on behalf of the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission.