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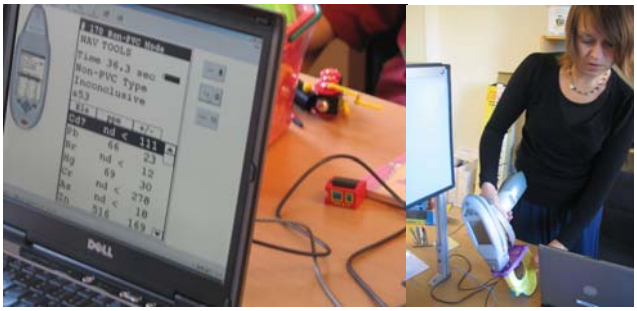


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The Swedish Consumer Agency in September 2007 made a market surveillance of toys in three Swedish cities. The control was made due to the Mattel voluntary recall of toys containing lead or hazardous magnets. The project was initiated by the EU Commissions concern that other toys of different brands which may contain lead or easily detachable magnets, which pose serious risks to children, might also be sold on the European market.

The Swedish Consumer agency visited ca 30 shops of different kinds, such as “regular” toy stores, warehouses and small shops where cheap toys are sold.

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XRF scanning for lead by the Swedish Chemical Agency

Lead

100 different kinds of articles (coatings materials) were scanned for lead at the Swedish Chemical Agency. A so called XRF scanner for heavy metals was used.

Magnets

Different kinds of toys and products with magnets were purchased. They were toys with small magnets that might come loose, toys with loose strong magnets (as received) and other child appealing products with loose strong magnets (as received).

Test results lead –

No indication of excessive lead was found in any of the examined toys. All examined toys complied with the rules in the standard EN:71:3 as to threshold values for lead

However one toy of the brand Mattel, which were part of the recalled batch were still found on the shelves. Mattel was contacted by the Swedish Consumer Agency and will continue to conduct the withdrawal in all shops.

Products containing magnets

These products have still not been examined by the Swedish Consumer Agency, pending guidance from the EU commission on how to proceed. There are at present no fixed threshold limits in any European standard in order to determine which detachable or loose magnets are hazardous.

Three toys containing magnets that were part of the recalled Mattel batch were however found on the shelves. Mattel was contacted by the Swedish Consumer Agency and will continue to conduct the withdrawal in all shops.

Notifications and reactions through the RAPEX system.

The above mentioned four products are notified in the RAPEX reaction forms. The Doggie Daycare/Mattel products are shown in Appendix 2(1), KA8, KA9 and KA10. Reactions in case 0849/07, 0914/07 and in 0848/07. The Swedish recall involves 53023 articles in the Mattel withdrawal.

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Toys of various brands from the Swedish market

Appendix 1	Pictures of toys in the lead investigation *
Appendix 2	Pictures of toys with magnets *

Appendix 1 (1)



S1 Djeco/ Krabat



S2 Petshop



S3 Tomy Teletubbies



S4 Bratz Simba dickie



S6 Percy
Lok Thomas Friends magnets



S7 Dizzi Bob builder



S8 Spider man Marven



S9 Hot Wheels Mattel



S10 Spiderman Simba



S11 Lanard



S12 Bamse



S13, KA1 Brio



S14 Hot WheelsFerrari



S15 Joker Baby



S16 JokerWild animals



S17 Kid chef



S18 Pirates of Caribbean



S19 Grand champions



S20 DEFA the beautiful girl



S21 Rap stars Vanessa



S22 Pony Tails



S32 Plastic furnitures



S33 Pony tails



S34 Jackeline


S35 wooden puzzle



S36 My Lovely Pony


S38 Jumbo Krita


S39Rattle Djeko


S40 AlexBath toys



S41 Alex lobster


S42 Shelcore Phone


S43 Anna Sophia



S44 Les Zamiloo



S45 Rock Teenz



S50 Fajiabao



S51 Super Heavy Track



S48 Schleich King



S49 Babal



S52 MC Bike



S53 Warcraft



S54 Fruit basket



VS1 Batman Shadow Tek/ Mattel



KA3 Biker mice



KA4 Wicke, Lone star



KA6 Barbie Mischievous Pet



KA7 Plastic duck



KA11 Plastic dragon



KA12 Mini Friends



KA13 Mini Friends



KA14 wooden toy



KA 15 Wooden toy



KA16 Kids wood



KA18 Play 2 learn



KA19 Fresh five, Maisto cars



KA20 Bellino



KA21 Plastic car



K22 Spider man



KA 23 Littlest Pet shop



KA 24 Bratz baby Ponyz



S37 Pony Tails



KA 26 Bath toys



KA5 Transformer



KA25 Service



S 31My lovely Kity

Magnets



KA8 Doggie Daycare/Mattel
(found after the Mattel withdrawal)



KA9 Doggie Daycare/Mattel
(found after the Mattel withdrawal)



KA10 Doggie Daycare/Mattel
(found after the Mattel withdrawal)



S7 Dizzi Bob builder



S23 Fishing game
With magnets



VS2 Magnetic Fish puzzle Vini-Game



S5 Petshop



S6 Percy
Lok Thomas Friends



S13, KA1
Brio Railway



VS3 Bamse magnetalfabet



VG 4
Learning Magnets



KA17 Play 2 learn
Toys with magnets



S28 Super Strong magnets



S26 Singing Magnets



VG3 Lerning Mates
Magnets



VG6 Buzz magnet balls



Geomag



VG2
Super Magnets
Kidz Labs



VG 1 Magnetic Combination,



S46 Magnets



S30 Magnet super



S27 Small magnets



S25 Magnet Memo Holder



S 47 Strong magnets

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