Australian Ban on Dart Guns

From 18 March 2003 Australia has introduced a temporary ban, initially for 18 months, on children's dart gun sets using darts that are small parts per clause 5.2 of AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2002. Darts will be banned if they fit wholly within the small parts cylinder under their own weight per the test, which corresponds to that used under EN 71-1 and ASTM F963. This temporary ban has been made permanent by Consumer Protection Notice No 8 of 2004 under the Trade Practices Act 1974.

Such darts that are small parts have been involved in choking incidents. Being intended for children over 36 months of age they would not otherwise have to meet the small parts requirement.

Mexico Ban the Use and Marketing of Lead Compounds

Mexico had amended the Mexican Official Norm NOM-004-SSA1-1993 to restrict the use and marketing of lead monoxide (Litharge), red lead oxide (Red Lead) and basic lead carbonate (White Lead) on a range of products

With immediate effect, the Norm ban the use and marketing of domestic and imported products containing lead monoxide, red lead oxide and basic lead carbonate, as compounds without chemical transformation and/or used in any procedure relating to products containing such substances, in order to prevent adverse effects on health.

The affected products include: pigment for paints, enamels, coatings, inks, toys, pencils, pens, crayons, modeling clay and other school supplies, printing inks, cosmetics, indoor and outdoor furniture, interior and exterior paint, emulsion and enamel paint for domestic use as well as glazed pottery and glazed ceramic ware, porcelain ware which will be used to hold or process food and/or drinks.

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