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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE GOODS UNSAFE (CERTAIN PRAMS AND STROLLERS)

PURSUANT to Section 114(1) of the *Independent Consumer and Competition Commission Act 2002* ("ICCC Act"), the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission ("ICCC") proposes to publish in the *National Gazette* a Notice under Section 108(5) of the *ICCC Act*, in substantially the same form and substance indicated below, declaring the goods described in the Notice to be unsafe goods in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Declaration of Unsafe Goods (Certain Prams and Strollers Not Safe)

PURSUANT to Section 108(5) of the *ICCC Act*, I 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;**

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- **DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED;**
- **DO NOT CARRY EXTRA CHILDREN OR BAGS ON THE PRAMS/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/STOLLER 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.

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.

This Notice supersedes the Notice published in the *National Gazette* No. G543 on the 4th August, 2016.

The ICCC pursuant to Section 114 of the *ICCC Act* invites any person (who supplies or proposes to supply prams and strollers of the kind described in this Notice) to notify the ICCC within ten (10) days of the publication of this Notice in the *National Gazette*, if they wish for the ICCC to hold a conference in relation to this Notice.

The notification should be addressed or hand delivered to: Independent Consumer and Competition Commission, Consumer Protection Division, 1st Floor Garden City, Angau Drive, P.O. Box 6394, Boroko, National Capital District. Telephone: (675) 325 2144 Facsimile: (675) 323 0052.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2018.

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