



Product Safety Standards (Baby Walkers) Regulations 2001

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 26th day of November 2001

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 29 of the Fair Trading Act 1986, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, and on the recommendation of the Minister of Consumer Affairs, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Product Safety Standards (Baby Walkers) Regulations 2001.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 January 2002.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Fair Trading Act 1986

baby walker means a device that—

- (a) consists of a frame on wheels designed to support, inside the frame and with the child's feet touching the ground, a child who has not learned to walk; and
- (b) is propelled by the movement of the child.

4 Application

These regulations apply to—

- (a) baby walkers for wholesale supply on or after 1 January 2002; and
- (b) baby walkers imported on and after 1 January 2002; and
- (c) all baby walkers on and after 1 March 2002.

5 Product safety standard for baby walkers

The subclauses of the American Safety Standard—Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Walkers (ASTM F977-00) specified in column 2 of the Schedule are a product safety standard for baby walkers for the purposes of section 29 of the Act.

Schedule

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**Subclauses of American Safety Standard—Standard
Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Walkers
(ASTM F977-00)**

Clause	Subclauses
3	3.1.1, 3.1.3, 3.1.5
4	4.1 to 4.6.8
6	6.1 to 6.1.2, 6.4
7	7.3 to 7.3.4.4, 7.6 to 7.6.5.5
9	9.3 to 9.3.4.2

Marie Shroff,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations prescribe product safety standards for baby walkers. They apply to the wholesale supply of baby walkers and baby walkers imported on and after 1 January 2002 and the supply of all baby walkers on and after 1 March 2002.

The standards specify requirements relating to stability, performance over steps, and the provision of information for the purposes of preventing the risk of injury to children.

Regulation 5 declares certain subclauses of the American Safety Standard—Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Walkers (ASTM F977–00) set out in the Schedule to be a product safety standard.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.
