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CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations 1985

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Whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with section 1(4) of the Consumer Safety Act 1978(a), consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations and such other persons as he considers appropriate:

And whereas the Secretary of State has in accordance with section 1(5) of the Consumer Protection Act 1961(b) consulted with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to him requisite:

And whereas a draft of these Regulations has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 7(7) of the said Act of 1978:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1 of, and paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 to, the said Act of 1978 and by sections 1 and 2(4) of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, the said Act of 1961, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1986.

2. The Perambulators and Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations 1978(c) shall cease to have effect in so far as they relate to pushchairs.

3.—(1) in these Regulations—

“BS 4792” means the British Standard Specification for safety requirements for pushchairs BS 4792:1984 published by the British Standards Institution on 31st May 1984(d);

“perambulator” means a wheeled vehicle designed for the transport in a seated or recumbent position of one or two babies or infants who are placed inside a body of boat- or box-like shape, but does not include carry-cots or transporters therefor;

(a) 1978 c. 38.

(b) 1961 c. 40.

(c) S.I. 1978/1372.

(d) ISBN 0 580 13858 5.

“pushchair” means a wheeled vehicle designed for the transport in a seated or reclining position of one or two infants or young children, distinguished from a perambulator by the absence of a body of boat- or box-like shape, but does not include pushchairs designed for use by invalid children.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, references in BS 4792 to other British Standard Specifications have the following meanings—

“BS 871” means the British Standard Specification for abrasive papers and cloths BS 871: 1981 published on 30th October 1981;

“BS 1154” means the British Standard Specification for natural rubber compounds (high quality) BS 1154: 1978 published on 31st May 1978 as amended by Amendment Slip No. 1 published on 14th July 1978;

“BS 3785” means the British Standard Specification for webbing safety harness for baby carriages and chairs and walking reins BS 3785:64 published on 18th November 1964 as amended by Amendment No. 1 published on 4th February 1965 and Amendment Slips No. 2 published on 18th November 1968 and No. 3 published on 30th July 1976.

4. No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply any pushchair which fails to comply with any of the requirements of BS 4792.

5. Any test of a pushchair seized or purchased by or on behalf of an enforcement authority pursuant to Schedule 2 to the Consumer Safety Act 1978 (which relates to the enforcement of safety regulations) shall in all cases be carried out in the manner specified in BS 4792 by the authority or, at the expense of the authority, by such person as may be determined by the Secretary of State.

Michael Howard,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade and Industry.

20th December 1985.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prohibit the supply of pushchairs which do not comply with the requirements specified by British Standard Specification 4792:84. The prohibition also applies to offering or agreeing to supply and exposing or possessing for supply pushchairs which do not comply with those requirements (Regulations 1 and 4).

The safety requirements for pushchairs prescribed by British Standard 4792:1984 cover materials, construction, parking devices, folding pushchairs, safety harnesses, stability, rigidity, wheel security, security of locking devices, performance, marking and instructions on use and maintenance.

The Regulations provide that the Perambulators and Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations 1978 are no longer to apply to pushchairs (Regulation 2).

The Regulations come into operation on 1st June 1986 (Regulation 1).

The British Standards referred to in the Regulations may be obtained from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institution (BSI) or by post from the Institution, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6LE.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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