

Revision to the Order for Enforcement of the Consumer Product Safety Act and the
Ministerial Order on Technical Requirements for Specified Products Concerning the
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

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1. Purpose of the revisions

Under the Consumer Products Safety Act, "Specified Products" are Consumer Products that are found to be highly likely to cause harm particularly to the lives or health of general consumers in consideration of these products' structure, material qualities, and usage, etc., They are specified by Cabinet Order to regulate the manufacture and the sale of these products.

In recent years, product incidents caused by "Recreational goods made of magnets (which are generally called magnetic toys)" and "Toys made of water-absorbing synthetic resin" have occurred due to infants accidentally ingesting those products.

According to reports from the Consumer Affairs Agency and others, cases of deaths due to accidental ingestion have been reported overseas. Although the National Consumer Affairs Center and the Consumer Affairs Agency have alerted consumers to those products, the situation has not changed.

Since there are no legal safety regulations for those products, it is necessary not only to alert consumers but also to implement sales regulations by specifying those products as Specified Products in this Act in order to prevent accidents by ensuring basic safety, so we will revise the Act to newly designate them as "Specified Products" and the Ministerial Order to specify the technical requirements for those two types of products.

2. Summary of the revisions

We will revise the Order for Enforcement of the Consumer Product Safety Act to designate "Recreational goods made of magnets" and "Toys made of water-absorbing synthetic resin" which have the risk of accidental ingestion as "Specified Products".

In addition to this, we will revise the Ministerial Order on Technical Requirements for Specified Products Concerning the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to specify the technical requirements for those products.

3. Schedule

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