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Subject: CONSUMER INFORMATION ON THE PURCHASE AND USE OF TOYS AND CHILD CARE ARTICLES (TCCA) DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reminding the general public, especially the parents, to be more careful and vigilant in buying Toys and Child Care Articles (TCCAs) during the holiday season as these products are often purchased as Christmas gifts for children.

Pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act 10620, otherwise known as “Toy and Game Safety Labeling Act of 2013” Title II sec.1, the following information shall appear on the package, container, wrapper or protective covering to guide consumers on how to use a toy, what ages the toy is safe for and to know how to use the toy in the right way: *(See attached infographics for easy reference)*

1. License to Operate number issued by FDA
2. Age grading
3. Cautionary Statement/Warnings
4. Instructional Literature
5. Manufacturer’s markings (name and address of the local company)
6. Item Model / Stock Keeping Unit (SKU) number

Failure to declare the above labeling information is considered as misbranded or banned hazardous substances and shall not be allowed to be distributed or sold in the market.

Further, consumers are encouraged to check the website (<https://ww2.fda.gov.ph/index.php/consumers-corner/toys-and-childcare-artiles-notification>) for the list of notified TCCA products for information on toy safety and to purchase only notified Toys and Child Care Articles (TCCAs) distributed by FDA licensed manufacturer/trader/distributor.

For more information or clarification, kindly email us at info@fda.gov.ph.

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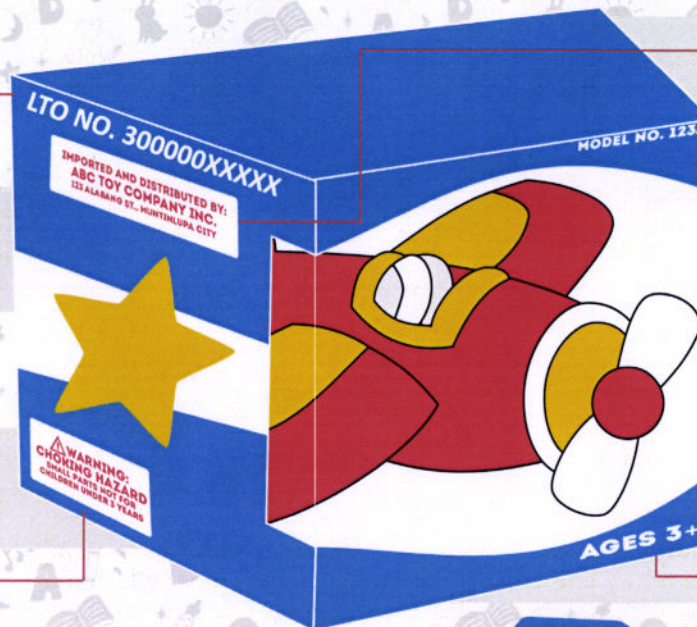


HOW TO READ THE LABEL

TOYS are products intended as playthings for children below fourteen (14) years of age. The following shall appear on, embossed, directly printed, or affixed to the package, container, wrapper or protective covering of toys.

License-to-Operate Number
issued by the FDA to the company responsible for placing the product in the market.

Cautionary statements or warnings
intended to inform the possible risks and dangers associated with the use of the toy.



Manufacturer's marking
bearing the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor, to aid the consumer in identifying the company.

Item/model/stock keeping unit (SKU) number
aiding in the determination of an accurate identity of the item.

Age grading
in accordance to the category appropriate for the toy as computed based on age determination guidelines.

Instructional literature
which may be in the form of leaflets that are provided to illustrate the proper and safe use or assembly of the toy.



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