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CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Expanding Novelties (Safety) Order 1983

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>5th December 1983</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>6th December 1983</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 3(1)(a) and (2) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Consumer Safety Act 1978(a), hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Expanding Novelties (Safety) Order 1983.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 6th December 1983 and shall cease to have effect at the expiration of a period of twelve months beginning with that date.

2. The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the risk of danger connected with the goods to which this Order relates is such that this Order must be made without delay.

3.—(1) No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply any article—

(a) which contains—

(i) any salts of poly(acrylic acid) or of its copolymers; or

(ii) any substance which, when the article is left for not more than four hours in water having a temperature of between 21 and 25 degrees centigrade, reacts with that water to form such salts;

(b) at least two dimensions of which are less than 45 millimetres; and

(c) any dimension of which expands by more than 50% when the article is left for not more than four hours in distilled water having a temperature of between 21 and 25 degrees centigrade.

(2) For the purposes of this Article, “dimension” means any of the three linear measurements of an article, taken where it is longest in the horizontal, vertical and lateral planes of that article.

Alexander Fletcher,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade and Industry.

5th December 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits persons from supplying, offering to supply, agreeing to supply, exposing for supply or possessing for supply any article which has the characteristics specified in Article 3. These are that the article contains any salts of poly(acrylic acid) or of its copolymers or any substance which, if the article is left in water at room temperature for four hours, would react with that water to form such salts, that it has any two dimensions which are less than 45 millimetres and that any dimension of it will expand by 50% if the article is left in distilled water at room temperature for four hours.

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