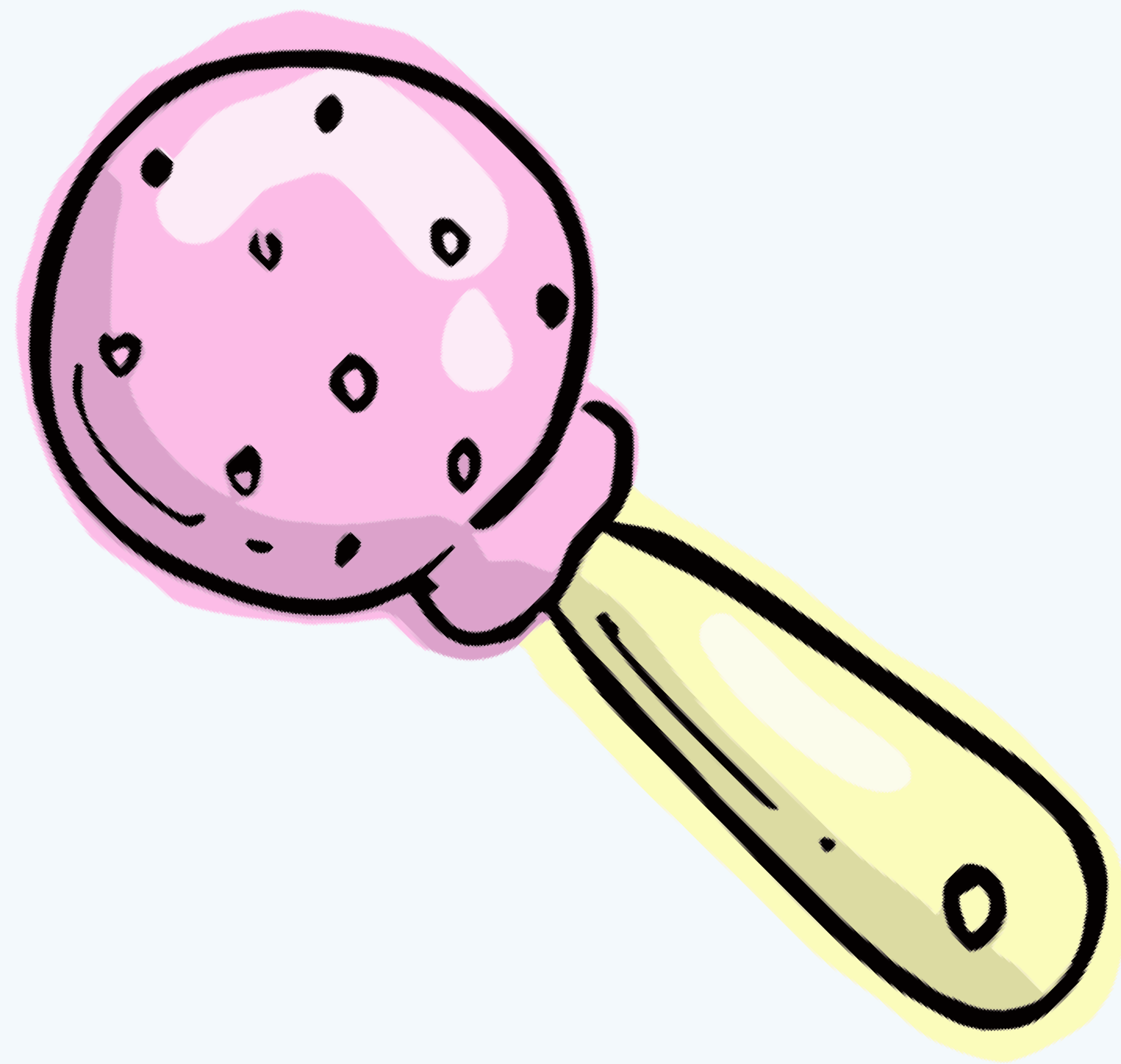


THE REGULATION ZONE

Infant Rattles
Industry Awareness Update
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Are you rattled by the large number of infant rattles being recalled in Australia?

- Since January 2020 there have been 47 product recalls in Australia related to infant rattles.
- Product recalls related to infant rattles can be a serious issue, as these items are often used by parents and caregivers to help soothe and entertain babies. It's important to make sure that any rattles or other toys intended for infants are safe and free from potential hazards.

Here are some images of the types of infant rattles being recalled in Australia?





Why are so many infant rattles being recalled in Australia?

- Quite often, the long, narrow shape of some infant rattle handles can be a choking or suffocation hazard if the item gets stuck in a baby's throat. This is a serious concern, as choking is a leading cause of injury and death among infants and young children.
- Another common problem is rattles that come apart, releasing small parts that can pose a choking or inhalation danger to infants and young children.

What regulations apply?



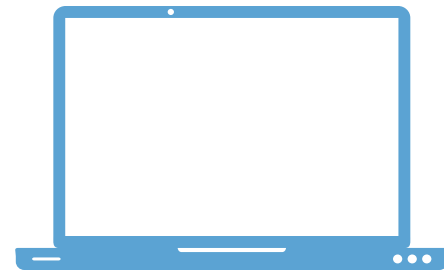
- The [Consumer Protection Notice No. 14 of 2003, as amended by Consumer Protection No. 1 of 2005](#) sets out the requirements for toys for children up to and including 36 months. The mandatory standard is based on certain sections of the voluntary Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2002 'Safety of toys Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties'. AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2002
- The [Consumer Protection Notice No. 1 of 2009](#) sets out the mandatory requirements related to the migration of certain elements for toys and finger paints as prescribed and is based on AS/NZS ISO 8124.3.
- Ban on DEHP in children's plastic products, the [Consumer Protection Notice No. 11 of 2011](#) sets out the requirements of this ban.

What should we do?



- Designing and testing products for safety is crucial to ensure they do not pose a risk to consumers. Safety should always be a top priority for any business that manufactures or distributes products.
- It's important to conduct thorough risk assessments during the design phase to identify any potential hazards and develop appropriate safety measures. This includes considering the materials used, the manufacturing process, and the intended use of the product.
- Independent testing should be conducted by recognised testing laboratories that have NATA, HOKLAS, CNAS or similar accreditations.
- Ongoing testing and monitoring should be conducted to ensure that the product continues to meet safety standards throughout its lifespan. This includes conducting regular quality control checks and addressing any safety concerns that arise through customer feedback or incident reports.

HOW CAN KIDSAFE VICTORIA HELP?



Kidsafe Vic can help your team understand the requirements - we can virtually walk you through these.



We can provide guidance on the testing pathways - we can help you build a suitable program for testing externally that will demonstrate compliance.



Kidsafe Vic can conduct an independent audit of your product range - this could include a desktop sweep of your online or marketplace platform.



We can provide an initial product and test report review to give you an unbiased view of how your product/s stack up.



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