

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF NOVELTY THEMED LIGHT-UP RINGS

I, Andrea Michaels, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, publish this notice pursuant to section 130(1) of the *Australian Consumer Law* (SA).

This notice relates to the outcome of an investigation into the safety of novelty (Halloween or Christmas) themed light-up rings, powered by button batteries which were reportedly offered to individuals who were trick or treating in the week leading up to and on the evening of 31 October 2023.

The investigation concluded that the tops of the rings that were tested came off easily with little force exerted and did not come with the required information and warnings. Therefore, the rings tested did not comply with the following Australian mandatory standards:

- Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard 2020 (mandatory safety standard); and
- Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard 2020 (mandatory information standard).

As a result, I consider that such novelty themed light-up rings pose a risk, particularly to children who are at risk of swallowing button batteries if they become exposed.

Having been contacted by Consumer and Business Services, online marketplaces have removed listings of novelty themed light-up rings with similar construction to those that were tested.

Suppliers of such rings or similar products are reminded that it is an offence under the *Australian Consumer Law* to supply products or offer goods for supply that do not comply with mandatory safety standards.

Consumers are advised not to purchase such novelty light-up rings or to immediately stop using and safely dispose of any that may be in their possession.

As mandatory safety standards apply, no proposed (interim or permanent) ban or proposed recall has been published or issued in relation to such novelty light-up rings.

Consumer and Business Services will continue to monitor and investigate products powered by button batteries to ensure they comply with the mandatory safety and information standards. In the event you identify a novelty light-up ring, or a similar product powered by button batteries, and are concerned they may pose a risk, please contact the Product Safety Section within Consumer and Business Services at cbsproductsafety@sa.gov.au.

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