

Toys: CTIA imposed fines of more than CZK 1 million for defects

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(Prague, 24 January 2023) The Czech Trade Inspection Authority The Czech Trade Inspection Authority continued its toy safety inspections in Q3 2022. In total, it inspected 417 toy models and found deficiencies in 174 models. During this period, it assessed 15 toys as dangerous for consumers. These products were reported to the European Commission's information system for the rapid exchange of information on dangerous non-food products, Safety Gate, which the CTIA informs about and publishes at www.coi.cz. For infringements of Act No. 22/1997 Coll., on Technical Requirements for Products, it imposed a total of 61 fines amounting to CZK 1,158,000.









In the 3rd quarter of 2022, the Czech Trade Inspection Authority carried out inspections focused on the safety of toys (Act No. 22/1997 Coll., on Technical Requirements for Products, which are specified in the Government Regulation 86/2011 Coll., on Technical Requirements for Toys). In total, the Commission carried out 138 inspections (4 EU importers and 134 distributors) of toys intended for children up to 14 years of age, for which it inspected 417 toy models. It found deficiencies in 174 models.








The CTIA officers inspected toy labelling, accompanying documentation and consumer information - whether the origin of the toys is traceable (information on the manufacturer or importer is available) and whether the products are accompanied by other mandatory information. If this information contained any restrictions (e.g. a pictogram 'not suitable for children under three'), they also checked that the reasons for the restriction were communicated to the consumer. For some toys there was an accumulation of several of the administrative deficiencies listed below:

- 110 deficiencies in the identification of the toy manufacturer
- 88 deficiencies in the accompanying documentation (completely missing warnings, instructions or cautions)
- 73 deficiencies in the identification of the importer
- 40 deficiencies in the accompanying documentation (missing warnings, instructions or warnings in the Czech language)
- 40 deficiencies in the mandatory marking of the toy with type, serial number or model

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Based on a risk analysis, the CTIA banned 15 toy models in this period. These products were reported to the European Commission's information system for the rapid exchange of information on dangerous non-food products, Safety Gate.

Name	Published on www.coi.cz	Picture of the product
Vesmírná pistole	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-hracku-na-baterie-v-podobu-pistole/	
Neocube – 5 mm Magnetické kuličky	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-dalsi-nebezpecne-magneticke-kulicky-2/	
Brick game	https://www.coi.cz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-09-20-sg-brick-game.doc	
Magnetické kuličky Neocube 3 mm, 216 ks	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-nebezpecne-magneticke-kulicky-ve-tvaru-kostky/	
Rohy Čert	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-celenku-s-blikajicimi-rohy/	
Magnetické kuličky černé 5 mm, 216 ks	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-nebezpecne-magneticke-kulicky/	
Magnetické kuličky zelené 5 mm, 216 ks	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-dalsi-nebezpecne-magneticke-kulicky/	
Hračka na baterie – auto taxi	https://www.coi.cz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-09-15-sg-taxi.doc	

Hračka na baterie Stunt Sea Lion	https://www.coi.cz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-09-22-sg-tulen.doc	
Hračka na baterie RC Auto UTV Cross	https://www.coi.cz/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-10-27-SG-cross.doc	
Hračka na baterie Super Stunt Racing	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-auticko-na-dalkove-ovladani/	
Hračka na baterie Vlášek CRH	https://www.coi.cz/vlasek-obsahuje-prilis-olova-coi-naridila-stazeni-z-trhu/	
Hračka na baterie Lokomotiva Classic Train	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-hracku-v-podobe-lokomotivy-kvuli-olovu/	
AUTO SPEEDS 3D LIGHT RACING	https://www.coi.cz/coi-zakazala-na-trhu-auticko-speed-s3d-light-racing-kvuli-olovu/	
Plavecký kruh Baby Yacht	https://www.coi.cz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-11-01-SG-detske-sedlo.doc	

Based on the repeated shortcomings found in children's toys, the CTIA will continue to carry out inspection activities and actively search the market network for toys that could pose a risk of injury or damage to children's health. In view of the increasing sale of toys via the internet, it will focus on inspections of importers and sellers distributing toys on e-shops and wholesale marketplaces.

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