

## NEW REGULATIONS FOR SAFER CONSUMER GOODS

New regulations will be introduced by the Ministry of Trade and Industry with effect from 1 April 2011, to protect users from unsafe consumer goods in Singapore.

2 Developed in consultation with stakeholders such as consumers, manufacturers, importers, retailers and consumer watchdog, the Consumers Association of Singapore (Case), the **Consumer Protection (Consumer Goods Safety Requirements) Regulations 2011** (CGSR) will empower SPRING Singapore to remove or ban from the market unsafe general consumer goods. Examples of goods covered under the CGSR are toys, children's products, apparels, sports and recreation products, furniture, mattresses and bedding and DIY tools. SPRING will also be able to direct suppliers to inform users of the potential dangers of such goods. Retailers who do not comply with SPRING's directions will face a fine of \$10,000 and/or 2 years imprisonment.

3 These regulations will bring the safety of our consumer goods in line with international standards published by bodies such as the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), or the European Committee for Standardisation or ASTM International (US).

4 As some consumer goods are already regulated by existing legislations for safety in Singapore, the CGSR will not apply to these goods. (For the full list of exclusions please see [Annex](#).) For more information on the CGSR, please refer to [MTI's website](#).

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**ANNEX**

**Products excluded from the Consumer Protection (Consumer Goods Safety Requirements) Regulations 2011 (CGSR)**

The CGSR does not cover products under the purview of the following regulatory agencies:

- a. Agri-food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA): food products and containers / utensils containing / in contact with food and beverages**

Website: <http://www.ava.gov.sg>

- b. Health Sciences Authority (HSA): Cosmetics, medical devices, pharmaceuticals and Chinese Proprietary medicines**

Website: <http://www.hsa.gov.sg>

- c. Land Transport Authority (LTA): Motor vehicles**

Website: <http://www.lta.gov.sg>

- d. Traffic Police (TP): Motorcycle helmets and children's car seats**

Website: <http://www.spf.gov.sg/abtspf/tp.htm>

- e. SPRING Singapore: 45 categories of household electrical, electronic and gas products**

Website: <http://www.spring.gov.sg/safety>

In addition, the following products are also excluded under the CGSR:

- i. Used or second-hand products
- ii. Goods produced solely for export or imported solely for re-export