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PARENTS URGED TO CHECK STROLLERS AND HIGHCHAIRS AFTER RECALL

Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge today warned parents about a voluntary recall of two products: **Mother's Choice Riviera high lo highchairs** and the **Peg Perego Skate** combined pram and stroller.

Ms Judge said approximately 2900 Riviera high lo highchairs have been supplied by IGC Dorel and distributed exclusively through Target stores nationally since January 2008.

"These highchairs are being recalled following reports the plastic parts covering nuts and bolts have come loose and pose a choking hazard to small children," Ms Judge said.

"The plastic caps are the size of a five-cent piece and easily inhaled or ingested by toddlers.

"I am advised there have been no reports of injury and the company has cooperated with Fair Trading to conduct a formal recall of the products," she said.

"When approached by Fair Trading earlier this year, Target immediately withdrew the highchair from sale while the matter was being investigated.

"Owners of this model should check the highchair for any loose or missing caps and remove all caps to eliminate the ingestion hazard," she said.

Consumers can contact IGC Dorel to obtain replacement caps which cannot be removed after insertion on 1300 809 526 or by email at customerservice@igcdorel.co.nz.

Ms Judge offered the following tips to parents purchasing a highchair:

- Never leave your child unattended in a high chair and always ensure they are properly restrained using the safety straps;
- For maximum safety, choose a high chair fitted with a suitable harness system;
- Check that folding high chairs cannot collapse accidentally during use;
- Before you purchase a table-mounted high chair, make sure your table is able to support it and that the slip-resistant mounting devices are in good condition.

Parents are also being warned to check **Peg Perego Skate** prams after reports that steel pins on each side of the bassinet and seat assembly had fallen out.

"No injuries have been reported, but if one or both the pins are missing then consumers should stop using the product," Ms Judge said.

"These pins do not have a screw driver slot in the end, so if the pins on both sides are no longer in place, the bassinet and seat assembly can rotate freely and may cause the child to fall out.

"I am advised that 1216 Peg Perego Skates have been sold through children's nursery retailers across Australia.

“They are now being recalled by Nursery Elegance which will supply owners with a free repair kit or arrange to have the product repaired. A number of retailers have also been directed to conduct the pin replacement if consumers do not wish to perform the replacement themselves.”

Details of these retailers can be found by contacting Nursery Elegance on 1300 330 356 or at www.babylove.com.au.

Ms Judge said parents intending to purchase a pram or stroller should:

- Choose a pram that complies with the voluntary Australian Standard AS/NZS 2088. Look for a label or sticker that confirms compliance;
- Make sure the pram or stroller is fitted with a five-point restraint harness. If not, buy one separately and have it fitted;
- Look for strong components that feel rigid and not rickety;
- If the pram or stroller folds up, make sure the frame locks are operating properly and it won't collapse during use;
- Check there are no gaps that could trap a head, fingers or limbs.

For more information contact the Office of Fair Trading on 13 32 20 or visit the website www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

For Australian product recall information, visit www.recalls.gov.au.

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