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Our reference: ECA08/20124
Sample received 20/03/2008

Report on the analysis of sample:

N000984 Child's safety handrail

Information supplied:

Method	Result Name	Test Value	Units
WGPSR	General Product Safety Investigation	Satisfactory	

Comments:

The sample consisted of a tubular steel handrail for external doorframes. The handrail is intended as handhold for toddlers to aid entry and exit from doorways and to discourage the use of door jams as a handhold.

Examination of the handrail showed it to be robust and free from sharp points and sharp metal burr.

Tensile test

The plugs fitted to the ends of the tubular steel handrail were tested for security.

Plug 1 - resisted a 90 Newton tensile force.

Plug 2 - resisted a 90 Newton tensile force.

The plugs were found to be secure.

CONCLUSION

This product falls outside the scope of the Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC).

This product falls within the scope of the General Products Safety Regulations 2005.

I am aware of no British and European safety standards directly applicable to this safety device.

In my opinion, the hand rail is likely to offer some protection from finger entrapment in door jams when a child leaves and enters an external doorway, particularly if the child has to negotiate a hazard such as a step.

Signed: 

Tim Williams, Team Leader

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N.B. The sample and associated packaging will be destroyed one month after the date of report unless notification is received in writing or by email or contractual arrangements apply.

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