

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

### CHANGES TO PRODUCT SAFETY REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

As from 21 September 2011, the regulatory and enforcement functions regarding product safety in the Northern Territory were transferred from the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs to the Commonwealth, through the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

Since the introduction of the new Australian Consumer Law on 1 January 2011, Australia has a national product safety regime and the setting of product safety bans and standards became the responsibility of the Commonwealth. An agreement was reached between the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth, to also transfer the product safety regulation and enforcement functions to the Commonwealth.

In order for the ACCC to assume responsibility for product safety regulation and enforcement, these functions were expressly conferred upon the Commonwealth by Northern Territory legislation. The *Consumer and Fair Trading Act (CAFTA)* was amended by virtue of the *Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2011* which commenced 21 September 2011.

For all product safety enquiries, please refer to the ACCC Darwin office located at

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For further information the ACCC website at [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au)

All safety warning notices and product safety bans are listed on the Product Safety Australia website at [www.productsafety.gov.au](http://www.productsafety.gov.au)

All recall information is available from the Product Safety Recalls Australia website at [www.recalls.gov.au](http://www.recalls.gov.au)