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CAC warns consumers against Dangerous “stink bomb” toy

The Consumer Affairs Commission is warning consumers to be on the look out for a toy which has already caused harm to approximately 40 children yesterday and left a community disturbed about what really happened in a school in Buff Bay Portland. (April 22, 2008).

The toy is labeled Fart Bomb and is packaged in aluminum foil. A child reportedly tampered with the foil wrapper and this caused the dangerous chemical inside to escape.

Dr. Jeremy Knight told the CAC that approximately 30 students experienced vomiting and diahorrea as a result of the chemical exposure and five children were sent to the hospital for treatment and observation yesterday.

The stink bomb was bought by a Portland vendor at a wholesale store in Kingston and was being sold in Buff Bay, Portland at the time of the incident. Although the toy label reportedly carries a warning that it should not be opened or used by children under seven years old, the CAC is insisting that no toy should contain harmful chemicals.

CAC’s research has shown that the toy was recalled in Hong Kong in December 2004 due to the same as Dr. Knight

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described as difficulty breathing, vomiting, nausea, headache and eye irritation.

The Bureau of Standards is taking the appropriate action to locate the distributor.

In the meantime, the CAC is calling on merchants and vendors to consider the safety of their future consumers as against the economic potential of selling the product.

Our children are not expendable and our people are not immune to community disturbances emitting from careless importers actions.

If these or any dangerous toys have been seen in stores or on the street, please contact the CAC immediately.

The FART BOMB is packaged in a small aluminum foil wrapper and labeled in very fine print: MADE IN CHINA. NOT FOR CHILDREN *UNDER 7* YEARS OLD. DO NOT TEAR OPEN FOIL PACKAGE. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. Also, on the back of the package is a picture of a smiling boy with his arms down and the word BOOM emitting from his bottom.