Worldwide snapshot of recalled products

Around 3720 consumer product recalls were issued by almost 40 jurisdictions in 2018.

Top 3 globally recalled product categories from 2016–19 were toys/games, automotive and electrical supplies.

Source: OECD global recalls portal.

Average number of recalls per year from 2015–17

Australia: During 2013–17, toys and baby/children's products accounted for almost 1 in 3 consumer product recalls.

European Union: Between 2014–18, there were more than 2000 recalls and corrective actions each year in the EU, including around 620 recalls on toys.

USA: On average, 46 200 deaths and 40 million injuries each year are related to consumer product recalls.

Slovakia: From 2015–18, motor vehicles (around 50%) and toys (around 35%) had the highest number of individual product recalls.

Canada: Cosmetic products accounted for the highest number of recalls in 2017 and 2018.

Bulgaria: Between 2014–18, around 45% of recalls were for children's clothing with cords and small parts.

Denmark: In 2018 there were nearly 1290 recall cases.

Brazil: The automobile, motorcycle and computer industries accounted for over 90% of all defective products distributed during 2014–18.

Korea: Following a safety investigation in 2018, around 320 industrial products were recalled including nearly 90 slime products.

Country breakdowns

Australia

Brazil

Canada

Bulgaria

USA

Slovakia

USA

Denmark

Brazil

Korea

Note: All figures are approximate/estimates only and based on data available from OECD participants.

Data used in the infographic has been sourced from organisations other than the ACCC. Figures for Australia excludes products monitored by specialist regulators, including certain motor vehicle related recalls.

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