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THE TRADE ACT

THE TRADE (PLASTIC FURNITURE CONTROL) ORDER, 2003

In exercise of the power conferred on the Minister by section 8 of the Trade Act, and of every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Trade (Plastic Furniture Control) Order, 2003.
2. In this Order, "plastic furniture" means plastic mono-bloc chairs and tables and multi-positional plastic chairs.
3. No person shall manufacture, import, sell or offer for sale any plastic furniture which does not conform to the requirements specified in paragraph 4.

4.—(1) A person who manufactures, imports, sells, intends to sell or offers for sale any plastic furniture, shall ensure that each piece of such plastic furniture is clearly stamped with the following.

- (a) the name and address of its manufacturer;
- (b) the month and year of its manufacture;
- (c) the intended use of the furniture, domestic or commercial;
- (d) if intended for domestic use only, the words "NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE"
- (e) the number or code (mould) of manufacture;
- (f) in the case of a chair, whether the chair is suitable for use in a shower;
- (g) the maximum loads that the furniture will withstand for specified periods; and
- (h) all required markings, such as cautionary markings, including—
 - (i) "NOT FOR USE ON SLIPPERY SURFACES";
 - (ii) "NOT TO BE USED WITHOUT RUBBER LEG STOPS"; and
 - (iii) any other markings specified in JS 1 Part 11

(2) Markings other than those specified in sub-paragraph (1) (h) which may be placed on the labels of plastic furniture are—

- (a) "NOT HEAT RESISTANT"; and
- (b) "DO NOT SCRAPE".

Schedule

5. All testing for strength and durability of plastic furniture shall conform with the respective standards set out in the Schedule.

6. The Bureau of Standards, established by section 3 of the Standards Act, is the body designated for such inspection and testing as is necessary in order to ensure compliance with this Order.

7. A person who contravenes paragraph 4 or 5 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twenty-four months.

SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 5)

Standards

- (a) in the case of adult plastic chairs, as contained in ASTM F 1858 (2000);
- (b) in the case of children plastic chairs, as contained in ASTM F 1838 (2000); and
- (c) in the case of plastic tables, as contained in BSEN 581-3 (1999).

Note in this Schedule—

"ASTM means the American Society for Testing and Materials;
"BSEN" means British Standards European Norm.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2003.

PHILLIP PAULWELL,
Minister of Commerce, Science and Technology.

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