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## TEST REPORT

**NUMBER** LECH00315448

**APPLICANT:** Hippyck Ltd  
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**DATE:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010

For the attention of Melanie Winsbrow

**SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:** My Buggy Buddy Clip

Your Ref: Not stated

**SAMPLE RECEIVED:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**RETAILER:** Not Stated

**REQUEST:** \*Assessment to General Product (Safety) Regulations-2005

**CONCLUSION:** When tested as described the risk of personal injury through the use of this item was deemed to be 'very low' to 'extremely low'.

We draw your attention to the comments in this report.

Tests marked (\*) in this Test Report are not included in the UKAS Accreditation Schedule for this Laboratory  
Opinions and interpretations expressed herein are outside the scope of UKAS Accreditation  
The results relate to the samples tested and do not constitute any form of batch approval

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### **ASSESSMENT TO GENERAL PRODUCT (SAFETY) REGULATIONS (2005)**

*This item has been previously tested under report number LECH00313741, originally issued on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010. The supplied information has since been altered and the sample and packaging resubmitted for assessment. This report is an amalgamation of the two sets of results.*

#### **1. Introduction**

The General Product (Safety) Regulations: 2005 state:

“No producer shall place a product on the market unless the product is a safe product”.

These regulations are designed to assess the safety of products, which are to be placed upon the market, and to which no specific regulations are deemed to apply.

#### **2. Sample description**

A carabiner-type fastening clip with foam covering to facilitate carrying bags etc on buggy / pram handles.



#### **3. Assessment**

The purpose of this assessment was to determine whether the item might be regarded as safe within the meaning of the General Product (Safety) Regulations 2005.

As far as this laboratory is aware, there are no specific and direct standards for assessing the safety of this type of item, therefore the safety of these items has been assessed with reference to standards considered relevant and safety guidance documents as applicable.

Matters relating to quality are outside the scope of this report.



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### 3a) Physical and mechanical hazards

Certain clauses of EN 71-1: 2005 Safety of Toys – Part 1 Mechanical and Physical Properties were considered relevant to the test item.

**Clause 8.11 Sharpness of Edges**

There were no sharp edges evident.

**Clause 8.12 Sharpness of Points**

There were no sharp points evident.

**Clause 4.1 Materials**

The item was visually clean and free from infestation.

**Loading**

The carabiner was loaded with a 90 N deadweight for one hour. There was no damage evident after this period and it was considered satisfactory.

### 3b) Chemical hazards

This assessment does not include the requirements of other legislation which is considered to be applicable to the test item. In our opinion, this item also needs to comply with the following legislation:

**i) Foam covering**

When in use the clip would be outside the (child) access zone as described in BS EN 1888; Wheeled child conveyances. In addition the clip is not considered to be a child care article as it is intended for the convenience of the parent/carer.

For these reasons testing the foam for phthalate content, according to Point 51, annex xvii of the REACH Regulations, was deemed to be necessary for the purposes of due diligence only.

**ii) REACH regulations (EC 1907/2006) Annex XVII:**

Cadmium - Point 23

This testing has been conducted as part of a separate report.

**iii) For information only**

REACH directive 1907/2006/EC Annex XIV SVHC (Substances of very high concern).

There are no current restrictions regarding the SVHC list.

Anyone importing a product into the EU has to know if any of the currently listed chemicals are present to no more than 0.1% of the total weight of the item. This is likely to change in the future though no time has been fixed.

As of July 2011 a process called Notification begins where ECHA will have to be notified if you are bringing in any SVHCs.

### 3c) Risk

This was assessed using the Nomograph method of risk assessment as developed by the New Zealand Ministry for Consumer Affairs. Various considerations were used as input data to the model and the overall risk of personal injury through the use of this item was deemed to be 'very low' to 'extremely low'.



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### 4. Labelling

The suitability of the labelling and packaging forms part of an assessment to the General Product (Safety) Regulations (2005), since correct labelling provides information to the consumer to enable them to assess the risks inherent in a product, and to take precautions against those risks.

A trade name and postal address along with use instructions were evident on the packaging, along with the warnings:

**WARNING: DO NOT OVERLOAD YOUR BUGGY AS IT MAY TIP BACKWARDS**

Check load does not cause your buggy to tip  
Remove bags before removing child from buggy  
Do not allow children to hang on the My Buggy Buddy  
This is not a toy – keep away from children at all times  
Dispose of immediately if any damage becomes evident

These statements were deemed to be sufficient to give users an awareness of the potential hazards when using the clip.

### 5. Conclusion

When tested as described the risk of personal injury through the use of this item was deemed to be 'very low' to 'extremely low'.

### 6. General Comment

It must be recognised that the safety of the product is governed by the General Product Safety Regulations 2005, and as such there may be more than one method of testing the product in order to demonstrate that it is safe. The tests recommended in this report represent the view of Intertek Testing Services (Leicester) Ltd and the advice is based upon an examination of a sample. Only the courts are able to offer authoritative interpretations on whether a product is safe.

Date of testing: 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010

## END OF REPORT