

Marine Information Bulletin

Issued 16 July 2008, last reviewed 21 July 2009

Bob Littler Agencies flares recall

Purpose

This bulletin has been raised to bring to your attention a voluntary product recall by Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd of red hand flares and orange hand smoke signals and kits containing the flares and smoke signals.

Product safety recall notices and photos of the products subject to recall are attached.

Contact Information

Further information is available from Paul Kessell at Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd during business hours on 07 3390 0196 or paul.kessell@bla.com.au.

Information

For further information about this Marine Information Bulletin, email msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au.

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Cairns	(07) 4052 7400
Gladstone	(07) 4973 1200
Hervey Bay	(07) 4194 9600
Mackay	(07) 4944 3700
Mooloolaba	(07) 5477 8425
Pinkenba	(07) 3860 3500
Southport	(07) 5539 7300
Townsville	(07) 4726 3400



Product Safety Recall

BLA Red Hand Flare

Date: 20/06/08

Supplier Name: Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd

Product Info: Red hand flares, product code 222052, batch numbers 143847 (Expiry Date 07/2010), 145303 (Expiry Date 09/2010) and 147556 (Expiry Date 01/2011). These products are also contained in the following BLA kits: Offshore Flare Kit, Tasmania and South Australia, product code 222070; Trawler Flare Kit, product code 222072; Inshore Flare Kit, product code 222074; Offshore Flare Kit - Western Australia, product code 222075 and Inshore Flare Kit - NSW, product code 222076.

The product code can be found on Individual Product - in black panel closest to the hand grip end of the Flare. Flare Kits - directly above the barcode on front packaging card. The flares were available for sale from 30 July 2007.

Defect Details: Limited testing by SAI Global has indicated that the red hand flare may not comply with Australian Standard 2092-2004, as it is unlikely that the flare will be seen from the required distance. Further, there may be a fire hazard from the emission of hot particles from the flare.

Consumer action: Consumers should immediately cease using the product and return it to the place of purchase, where they will receive a credit note or a refund of the purchase price. Please note these products are classified as Dangerous Goods Code 1.4G and must be transported accordingly. Further information is available from Paul Kessell at Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd during business hours on 07 3390 0196 or paul.kessell@bla.com.au

Market Coverage: National

Recall Coverage: National

**See www.recalls.gov.au for
Australian Product Recall Information**



Product Safety Recall

BLA Orange Hand Smoke Signal

Date: 20/06/08

Supplier Name: Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd

Product Info: Orange Hand Smoke Flares, product code 222056, batch numbers 143847 (Expiry Date 07/2010) and 145303 (Expiry Date 09/2010). These products are also contained in the following BLA kits: Offshore Flare Kit, Tasmania and South Australia, product code 222070; Trawler Flare Kit, product code 222072; Inshore Flare Kit, product code 222074; and Inshore Flare Kit - NSW, product code 222076.

The product code can be found on Individual Product – in black panel closest to the hand grip end of the Flare. Flare Kits – directly above the barcode on front packaging card. The flares were available for sale from 30 July 2007.

Defect Details: Limited testing by SAI Global has indicated that the orange hand smoke flares may not comply with Australian Standard 2092-2004, as while the smoke signals operated safely, the density and volume of smoke produced was inadequate.

Consumer action: Consumers should immediately cease using the product and return it to the place of purchase, where they will receive a credit note or a refund of the purchase price. Please note these products are classified as Dangerous Goods Code 1.4G and must be transported accordingly. Further information is available from Paul Kessell at Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd during business hours on 07 3390 0196 or paul.kessell@bla.com.au.

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Orange Hand Smoke

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222056



**Offshore Flare Kit -
Tasmania & South Australia**

BLA
Code
222070



Trawler Flare Kit

BLA
Code
222072



Inshore Flare Kit

BLA
Code
222074



**Offshore Flare Kit -
Western Australia**

BLA
Code
222075



**Inshore Flare
Kit - NSW > 8m**

BLA
Code
222076

