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## Mosquito killer being recalled

The Mosquito Killer, make CCJGE (Alloy Mosquito Fly Tube) Model CMD-12-B, is being recalled from the market as it poses a serious risk to consumers.

The Malta Standards Authority said the product caused a serious risk of electrical shock as it did not conform to the applicable European Standards.

It advised economic operators who had these products in their possession to return them to their supplier. It also advised consumers to refrain from using this mosquito killer and/or to take the product back to the place of purchase.



MSA would order the immediate removal of any such products from the market if these were found during inspections.

MSA also reminded economic operators that all electrical equipment falling under the applicable legal notice had to be handed over to the consumer fitted with a suitable three pin configuration.

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### Comments

**Peter Dimech(5 hours, 38 minutes ago)**

Dear Prof. Pule don't you know that the Standards Authority is not responsible for roads, let all say that there is one Authority which is really doing its job.


**Pule' Carmel(1 day ago)**

Would the Malta Standard authority please come to Kalkara at progress Street to see the Quality of work done by Enemalta and approved by the permission of the Local Council who are approving substandard ROAD WORKS . Other substandard Road works exist all over Malta. These as as much KILLERS through unsafe and (DUSTY) conditions as much as Chinese Mosquito Killers... Again Malta Standard Authorities please come to Kalkara to see the substandard road works. You may call anytime, I will host you for a cup of tea and please bring with you cameras and height measuring instruments, roadsurface camber instruments, cracked and potholed surfaces/asphalt quality measuring. On second thoughts do not weigh yourselves with instruments, just come and see, your eyes and the driving would tell it all.

Please may I suggest that during the Sunday Valletta car show, the Jaguar that slid on the road to hit the lamp post , it was all due to the KILLER roads we have in Malta. All people in Malta are welcome to see that the roads leading to Smart CITY are not all SMART as they should be. It is not the Chinese that built them but Maltese People.

**gaffarena joseph(1 day, 3 hours ago)**

Recently the Malta standard Authority is really doing a good job,Wish that other authorities, will follow.

**O.Ellul(1 day, 5 hours ago)**   
@Stephen Koludrovic

The main difference is that branded companies, engineer their gadgets and electronic products in USA, England, Europe etc... and then they manufacture them in China... But some cheap stuff will be engineered in china and manufactured in china... thats the main difference.

**Paul Borg(1 day, 19 hours ago)** 

If I had to give a penny for every appliance they find NOT fitted with a 3 pin plug, the MSA will be rich instantly. I do not know where you conduct your inspections, but it is not the exception but the rule to be sold appliances with 2 pin plugs. Enforce the law on a regular basis and we will start reporting wrongdoers.

**R. Callus(1 day, 21 hours ago)**   
@ Fenech MD

'CE' means China Export while 'C E' means Conformite Europeenne. It's just the spacing between the letters that is different. So be careful before you buy something.

**joe muscat(1 day, 23 hours ago)** 

@i.cilia In Europe they use 3 pin system as well , the difference is that the fittings (plugs and so on ) are different from ours, now in all Europe the colours for cables are standard as well , Brown for live , Blue for Neutral and green yellow for earth/ground , the older colours black and red are not any more accepted as live and neutral, this was made because sometimes the red was used as earth in Germany for some appliances , and in fact unfortunately we had some victims here in Malta as well

**A Mercieca(2 days, 1 hour ago)** 

Why the Malta Standards Authority publish the name of importer and shops where they were for sale ? It will help.

**Fenech M D(2 days, 2 hours ago)** 

When looking at the box at the picture, I can see clearly the CE mark. How come then, it did not conform to the applicable European Standards?

**Alex Ellul(2 days ago)**

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Class 1 and Class 2 insulation All portable or hand-held electrical devices are insulated to protect their user from harmful shock. Class 1 insulation requires that the metal body and other exposed metal parts of the device is connected to earth via a "grounding" wire which is earthed at the main service panel; but only basic insulation of the conductors is needed. This equipment is easily identified by a third pin on the power plug for the grounding connection. Class 2 insulation means that the device is double insulated. This is used on some appliances such as electric shavers, hair dryers and portable power tools. Double insulation requires that the devices have both basic and supplementary insulation, each of which is sufficient to prevent electric shock. All internal electrically energized components are totally enclosed within an insulated body that prevents any contact with "live" parts. They can be recognised because their power plugs have two pins, or on three pin plugs the third (earth) pin is made of plastic rather than metal. In the EU, double insulated appliances all are marked with a symbol of two squares, one inside the other. Check the Earth Leakage Breaker every 3 months

**J.Tonna(1 day, 21 hours ago)**

Mr Fenech and others, I have learned that CE (very similar to the CE used by the European Union) may mean China Export.

**m.ellul(10 hours, 6 minutes ago)**

regarding the CE mark please also note that in the original CE mark the C and E are spaced, whilst if it is a china export, the C and E are closer to each other.

**Joseph Galea(2 days, 2 hours ago)** 

Can the MSA educate us Maltese people not to buy more Chinese products for lack of safety.This appliance is aimed to kill people and not mosquitoes. We have lot of other issues regarding health safety especially on children's toys and food. While mentioning health safety take a look at the links below to see how dentistry on the streets works in china without them breaking sanitation law.

[http://3.bp.blogspot.com/\\_d84YS1eirpY/S0GOSqLR6NI/AAAAAAAAAKY/OsQQYihSKFk/s1600/dentist.jpg](http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_d84YS1eirpY/S0GOSqLR6NI/AAAAAAAAAKY/OsQQYihSKFk/s1600/dentist.jpg)

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<http://dentistjob.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/street-dentist-china.jpg>

**Mario Camilleri(2 days, 1 hour ago)**

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**Joseph Galea(1 day, 21 hours ago)**

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All this advice is free for you, my friend.

**J.Tonna(1 day, 21 hours ago)**

The first thing I ask when I go to buy an electrical appliance is if it was made in China, if the answer is yes, I will go to another shop. We have seen Chinese manufacturers being executed by the government for causing the death of a number of children. What they are after is money, money and money. Even the material they use is inferior to what other countries use. But anyhow the choise is ours.

**Mario camilleri(1 day, 10 hours ago)**

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**Giles Zammit(2 days, 3 hours ago)**

I know what it means having an electric shock from this appliance. I couldn't move for ten whole minutes and during the night I kept having heart palpitations. This happened to me when I went to change one of the tubes. To my amasment its mains switch was switched off. Thanks to my ladder that has rubber soles and to the efficient house circuit breaker that I am still alive.

**Joseph Ellul - Sydney(1 day, 8 hours ago)**

If your trip worked according to spec. you would not have had any trouble with your heart etc. 240V supplies have the same wavelength as our hearts and it is not the voltage that stops your heart but the cycle associated with the voltage. So , if your trip takes effect in just one cycle ( as it should ) then you would not be effected by a defective item. If I were you I would have the trip switch checked or replaced.

**edward bartolo(2 days, 3 hours ago)**

Quote: "The Malta Standards Authority said the product caused a serious risk of electrical shock as it did not conform to the applicable European Standards." What are these, so called, standards?! Could the "authority" be so kind as to explain, please? And please, no empty excuses that these are too technical. The public has the sacrosanct right to be fully informed!

**i.cilia(2 days, 3 hours ago)**

got a bit of a question really since I am totally dumb when it comes to an electrical things around the house.. I understand the need to be earthed for safety and that is how it should be... and we have a three pin plug system, which also includes the earth.. now all those countries that use a two pin system, how are they protected.. i mean, is it because their electrical systems are different to ours? by design i mean? We copy the Uk system, but what about the European ones. If someone knowledgeable in this area it might be of some benefit to those who travel abroad. Thanks

**R. Callus(2 days, 3 hours ago)**

All appliances having a european plug <http://www.advin.com/uv-eraser-plug-FE-W512.JPG> should not be allowed as they pose a risk of electric shock. Most people never change the plug and it's as if they are not earthed whatsoever. As long as the appliances work people do not worry!

**Duncan Sant(2 days, 2 hours ago)**

Please note that the plug in the picture you posted is actually earthed (it has a metallic strip on the side which functions as earth). You just need the correct adaptor to use it <http://www.rapidonline.com/netalogue/photos/23016301.jpg>

**R. Callus(1 day, 21 hours ago)**

Yes ok . But how many people know about that ?

**J.Tonna(2 days, 4 hours ago)**

Just fixing a three-pin-plug is not enough for safety, the appliance should be wired by three core wire, one of which is to be used as earth. Otherwise it will be just (or nearly) prone to give you a shock. I have changed wires to some appliances I bought myself, instead of returning them to the supplier.

**N Xuereb(2 days, 4 hours ago)** 

What I cannot understand is that I am still encountering numerous items on sale with a two pin plug and most of the shops try and play ignorant on the law which states that a 3 pin plug is to be provided. Why are not ALL the electronics imported checked before being released into the market?


**Stephen Koludrovic(2 days, 4 hours ago)** 

Another piece of Chinese junk shoved on us.

**Gervais Marcel Cishahayo(1 day, 21 hours ago)**

This is a primitive way of thinking in today global village market!

I buy all my best branded computer and other IT and electronic gadgets from USA and UK and local market alike ... whenever I check carefully they are all nearly made in China, HongKong, Singapore, malaisia and all other Tiger Economy countries! Please stop this no more economically relevant nonsense!

**joyce scombri(2 days, 5 hours ago)** 

Bet mosquitoes are having a ball after this piece of news !!!!!!!!