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Non-CE Marked Imported Airless Spray Units

Graco Ltd has become aware of numerous issues regarding the sale in the UK of Graco airless spray units imported from the USA that are not CE Marked.

There are a number of EU Directives that apply to portable spray equipment, to show that equipment complies with the Directives, the equipment must be CE Marked and certificates supplied to the buyer stating the directives that the unit conforms to.

Graco Ltd units supplied by official distributors comply with the following Directives, non-CE Marked units do not and therefore cannot be legally sold within the EU.

98/37/EC Machinery Directive, 2004/108/EC EMC Directive, 73/23 EEC Low Voltage Directive, 2002/95/EC RoHS Directive.

The enforcement of the regulations relating to the Directives in the UK is by the Health and Safety Executive, and the penalties for the supply of non-compliant machinery can be severe.

In the UK the maximum penalty for the supply of non-compliant machinery is three months imprisonment and/or a £5000 fine. It should also be remembered that any incident which involves injury or damage caused through the use of non-compliant machinery will fall within the scope of other legislation, for example The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. These laws provide for greatly increased penalties than those available under the Machinery Safety Regulations.

In view of the fact that units imported by a number of internet sellers are not CE Marked and therefore do not comply with the above Directives, Graco LTD cannot accept any responsibility for any issues that arise from their import or subsequent use.

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