

It would seem that 5 years after President Kennedy's consumer message to Congress, it would hardly be necessary to argue the consumer's need for information. It is true that some progress has been made to guarantee the consumer's right "to be protected against the marketing of goods hazardous to health or life." But more, much more, remains to be done. The market still has many hazardous electrical and mechanical products against which the consumer has no protection.

In connection with Senator Magnuson's investigation of this subject, we prepared a list of products which we found presented hazards. This list will be submitted for your information.

(The list referred to follows:)

REPORT TO SENATOR WARREN G. MAGNUSON FROM CONSUMERS UNION ON
PRODUCTS TESTED AND RATED SO HAZARDOUS AS TO BE UNACCEPTABLE FOR
THE 10-YEAR PERIOD 1956-66

PRODUCTS RATED NOT ACCEPTABLE
SUMMARY

Year	Electrical hazards		Mechanical	Fire	Other	Total
	Electronic	Appliance				
1956	3	3	3		26	35
1957	12	8	8			28
1958	9	21	3			33
1959	3	17	31	5		51
1960		8		8	10	47
1961	8	4	4			34
1962	16	7	4		3	27
1963	1	21	15		2	40
1964		4			8	6
1965		14	25	7	1	54
1966	4	6	10			21
Total	56	113	103	20	84	376

ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Product	Hazard	Issue
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS		
TV sets (2)	Excessive leakage current	February 1956.
AM-FM table radios (2)	do	November 1956.
Portable phonographs (7)	do	August 1957.
Home intercoms (1)	do	September 1957.
Hobby kits (4)	do	November 1957.
AM clock radio (1)	do	June 1958.
AM table radios (4)	do	Do.
AM portable radios (4) (when used on house current)	do	July 1958.
TV set (1)	do	January 1959.
Radio kits (2)	do	February 1959.
Table radios, AM-FM (3)	do	May 1961.
Table radios, AM (5)	do	August 1961.
TV set (1)	do	January 1962.
Do	do	March 1962.
Home intercoms (5)	do	Do.
Portable phonographs (2)	do	June 1962.
Stereo amplifiers (2)	do	September 1962.
TV set (1)	do	October 1962.
Do	do	November 1962.
Electronic science kits (3)	do	Do.
TV set (1)	do	April 1963.
Table radio, AM (1)	do	July 1966.
Table radio, AM-FM (1)	do	October 1966.
Automobile battery charges (2)	do	November 1966.