



**Queensland Government**

**Maritime Safety Queensland**

## **MARINE INFORMATION BULLETIN**

### **BLA FLARES RECALL**

#### **PURPOSE**

- This bulletin has been raised to bring to your attention a voluntary product recall by Bob Littler Agencies Pty Ltd (BLA) 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](mailto:paul.kessell@bla.com.au).

If you require further information about this Marine Information Bulletin, please contact 07 3120 7341 or [msgmail@msg.qld.gov.au](mailto:msgmail@msg.qld.gov.au).

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Airlie Beach	(07) 4946 2200	Mooloolaba	(07) 5477 8425
Bundaberg	(07) 4131 8500	Pinkenba	(07) 3860 3500
Cairns	(07) 4052 7400	Southport	(07) 5539 7300
Gladstone	(07) 4973 1200	Townsville	(07) 4726 3400
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# 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](http://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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**Red Hand Flare**



BLA  
Code  
222052

**Orange Hand Smoke**



BLA  
Code  
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