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CBP Seizes Nearly \$1 Million in Counterfeit Toys in FY 2020

During Quarter One of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, CBP seized over **40** shipments of counterfeit toys. The seized goods are estimated to have a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of **nearly \$1 million**.

The extensiveness of unsafe, fake toys entering into the marketplace is evident in the past five years of seizure data. Notably, a peak in the estimated MSRP of seized counterfeit toys occurred in 2017 with a value of over \$12 million. While the

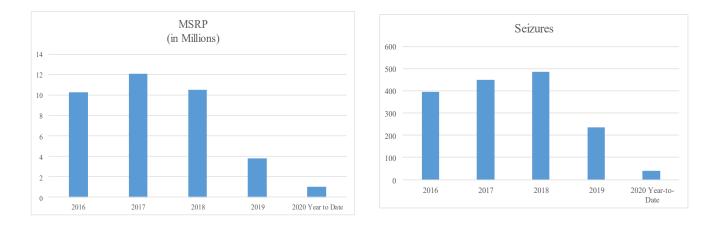


Counterfeit branded toys hidden inside generic merchandise for importation.

current data reflects a decrease in estimated MSRP, CBP continues to concentrate its efforts on fake toys as such merchandise harms the economy and poses a threat to the health and safety of American consumers.

Consumers are not always aware of the risks associated with purchasing illegitimate goods, including counterfeit toys. As a result, it is important that consumers beware of the various issues related to such purchases. Specifi-cally, fake toys are substandard and may be subject to dangers like unexpected small parts, poisonous chemi-cals, dangerous batteries, and poor packaging. Legitimate toys, on the other hand, must comply with certain rigorous safety requirements that govern specifications such as flammability, lead content, surface coating ma-terials, choking hazards, and labeling.

For additional information on the risks associated with violative merchandise, please visit: https://www.cbp.gov/FakeGoodsRealDangers



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