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Temporary stop sale placed on “lunchbox” portable gas cookers

The State Government has placed a temporary stop sale on most small gas camping cookers known as “lunchbox” cookers amidst nationwide safety concerns.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis said lunchbox cookers contain an internal gas canister that if used inappropriately can result in serious harm.

“These are low-cost appliances and operate using an integral or internal gas canister and are primarily used for camping and outdoor activities,” Mr Koutsantonis said.

“In recent times the State Government’s Office for the Technical Regulator has received a number of reports of fires and explosions with these appliances, generally relating to the overheating of the gas canister during operation.

“Testing, undertaken at the request of the Australian state gas regulators, has found a fault with the cookers’ over pressure valves, posing a risk that the devices may overheat and could explode.”

Compliance certification for most models of lunchbox cookers has been suspended by the independent safety certifiers and cookers of this type can no longer be sold lawfully in South Australia.

The stop sale applies to all lunchbox cookers except for the following:

Certification No:	Brands	Model numbers
6834	Campmaster, Kookaburra, Grillpro, Topstove, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Freetime, Festiva, The Stove, Sunshine, Campers Collection, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape, Gas Craft and Spinifex	2270
5907	Campmaster, Kookaburra, Grillpro, Topstove, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Freetime, Festiva, The Stove, Sunshine, Campers Collection, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape and Gas Craft Single Burner Stoves	CM2200, FT2200, ST2

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is liaising with gas regulatory authorities across the country to determine whether a nationwide recall is required.

Mr Koutsantonis urged the community not to use their existing lunchbox cookers unless they are one of the models exempt from the temporary stop sale.

“If you do own one of these models, please check the manufacturer’s operating instructions and read them carefully before use and ensure that you do not use an oversized pot or pan which can add additional heat to the gas canisters,” he said.

“I’d encourage consumers to notify the Office for the Technical Regulator on 8226 5518 if they see any devices of this type other than those listed above being sold within South Australia.”

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