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Home Depot Recalls Dehumidifiers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Home Depot has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product in the U.S. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Hampton Bay Dehumidifiers

Importer: The Home Depot, of Atlanta, Ga.

Hazard: An internal component can fail causing the dehumidifier to overheat, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Home Depot in the U.S. has received 18 reports of the dehumidifiers catching fire. One consumer reported a burn injury to his forearm.

Description/Models: The dehumidifiers are beige, have four wheels, and measure 21 inches high, 13 ½ inches wide and 17 ½ inches long. “Hampton Bay” is printed on the front panel. Model HB-50 is being recalled. The model number is printed on the back interior panel.

Sold by: The Home Depot from November 2000 through May 2007 for between \$120 and \$150 in the U.S. only.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled dehumidifiers and contact Home Depot to receive a gift card for the full amount of the purchase price.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact The Home Depot at (800) 553-3199 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm’s Web site at www.homedepot.com

Remarks: The affected units were intended for sale and distribution in the U. S .only. However, the recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by UL. For more information about UL product certification process please visit Underwriters Laboratories Web site at: www.ul.com

