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CPSC, Nikon Inc. Announce Recall to Replace Rechargeable Battery Packs Sold with Digital SLR Cameras

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Nikon Rechargeable Battery Packs with Model Number EN-EL3

Units: About 200,000 (About 710,000 Worldwide)

Manufacturer: Nikon Inc., of Melville, N.Y.

Hazard: These battery packs can short circuit, causing them to overheat and possibly melt, posing a burn hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Nikon has confirmed four reports of incidents of the problem worldwide with no reports of injuries.

Description: The recall involves the Nikon rechargeable lithium ion battery pack with model number EN-EL3, which is written on the side of the battery. The batteries

are rated at 7.4V/1400mAh, which also is written on the battery. The battery is included as a power source for Nikon's digital SLR D100, D70, and D50 model cameras. The battery pack was also sold separately.

Sold at: Camera, mass merchandise, catalog, Internet, and office supply stores nationwide from May 2004 through November 2005 for about \$50 for the battery only and about \$800 to \$1500 when sold with the digital SLR camera.

Manufactured In: China

Remedy: Consumers with battery backs with model number EN-EL3 should contact Nikon's Web site to determine if it is included in the recall. If so, they should stop using it immediately. Nikon will provide a free replacement battery pack.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Nikon Inc. Customer Service at (800) 645-6678 anytime, or access Nikon's Web site at www.nikonusa.com