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Espresso Machines Recalled for Fire Hazard

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: C1000 Capresso Automatic Coffee Center

Units: About 28,000

Manufacturer: Eugster/Frismag, of Switzerland

Importer: Capresso Inc., of Closter, N.J.

Hazard: The electrical connectors in the espresso machine can erode, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received four reports of fires started inside the coffee center. No injuries or property damage were reported.

Description: The Automatic Coffee Centers are espresso machines and have C1000 printed in large type on the front panel and model number 152 printed on the bottom of the machine. These machines grind, compact ground coffee, pressure brew, stop automatically, and discard used coffee grounds. They can also dispense hot water for tea and hot steam to froth and steam milk.

Sold at: Department stores and independent specialty stores nationwide from July 1999 through October 2005 for about \$800.

Manufactured in: Switzerland

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled espresso machines immediately and contact Capresso to arrange for a free repair.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Capresso toll-free at (888) 406-4440 between 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.capresso.com

