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Idea Village Recalls Wireless Remote Light Switch

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that IdeaVillage Products Corp. (“IdeaVillage”) has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Handy Switch, Wireless Remote Light Switches

Units: Approximately 1,250 orders directly to consumers in Canada (approximately 500 orders to Ontario) by IdeaVillage and approximately 16,000 to retail outlets.

Manufacturer/Importer: Manufactured by Blackstone International Ltd. of Baltimore, Maryland and imported by Supertek Canada Inc.

Hazard: The light switch receiver, which fits into the wall outlet, can overheat and pose a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: There have been 14 incidents reported of overheating, including 9 reports of fire, 5 of which involved property damage such as minor damage to curtains, bedding or walls.

Description/Models: The handy switch is a white plastic wireless remote light switch with Model No.: KS-080 printed on the back of the receiver. On the front of the receiver is a blue electroluminescent night light.

Sold by:

Mass merchandisers, retailers and drug stores across Canada, including Zellers Inc., Home Hardware Stores, Walmart Canada, Staples Business Depot, Shoppers Drug

Mart, Pharmasave, Montrex Distributions Inc., Jean Coutu, Peavey Industries, G. T. Wholesale Limited, Uniprix, Drug Trading, Pharmaplus Drugmarts, Rexall Pharm, McMahon Dist. Pharm. Inc. (Brunet), Pharmachoice # 421, Honest Ed’s Limited, Pharmasante, Electro-Tel Inc., Bed Bath & Beyond, MDS Sales, Super Thrifty, Proxim, Stewart Pharmacy, Jodell Retail Concepts, Your TV Shop, As Seen on TV etc., Juniors As Seen on TV Store, Regal Gifts Corporation, through television infomercials, gift catalogues and the internet.

When was distributed: March 2007 to October 2009.

Cost: Approximately \$20

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the product and contact IdeaVillage to learn about free remedy options.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact IdeaVillage toll free at 1 888 655-4339 between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. pacific time Monday through Friday, or visit IdeaVillage’s website at www.handyswitchrecall.com.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by Intertek Testing Services. For more information about Intertek Testing Services product certification process please visit: www.intertek-etlsemko.com/portal/page/cust_portal/ITK_PGR/



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