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General Electric® Coffee Makers Sold in U.S. Stores Only Recalled by Walmart Due to Fire Hazard

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

Name of Product: General Electric®-branded 12-cup digital coffee makers.

Manufacturer/Importer: Walmart Stores Inc., of Bentonville, Arkansas.

Hazard: The coffee maker can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Walmart has received 83 reports of overheating, smoking, melting, burning and fire, including three reports of minor burn injuries to consumer's hands, feet and torso. Reports of property damage include a significant kitchen fire and damage to countertops, cabinets and a wall.

Description/Models: Model No. 169164 (Black) and model No. 169165 (White).

Sold by: Walmart in the U.S. only.

When was distributed: March 2008 through January 2010.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled coffee makers and return the product to the point of purchase.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Walmart at 1-800-925-6278 Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.walmart.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 UL Web site at: www.ul.com.

