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Changzhou Globe Tool Group Recalls Electric Log Splitters Due to Laceration or Amputation Hazard

The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Changzhou Globe Tool Group has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Duramaxx 5-ton electric log splitters

Units: 260 sold in Canada.

Manufacturer: Changzhou Globe Tool Group Co. Ltd.

Importer: Lowe's Companies Canada, ULC.

Hazard: The hydraulic arm on the log splitter that slides under the handle used to move the machine can lacerate fingers or amputate fingertips if an individual grasps the handle while the splitter is operating.

Incidents/Injuries: One individual had a fingertip amputated when his hand was on the handle of an operating splitter. Another had a finger lacerated.

Description/Models: The log splitters are silver and black, electric 5-ton models. The power switch label at the rear of the log splitter bears the item number, 239714, and the model number, 26103. "DuraMaxx" is printed on the log splitter side rail.

Sold by: Lowe's stores.

When was distributed: January 2010 to March 2011.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers who have not received warning labels by mail should contact Changzhou Globe Tool Group Co to receive a free set of warning labels including placement instructions.

Consumer Contact: Contact (866) 456-8934 toll free between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Saturday or send an e-mail to logsplitter@sunrisetools.ca.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by the Canadian Standards Association. For more information about the CSA product certification process please visit: www.csa.ca.

