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Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Recalls Electric Heaters Due to Fire and Burn Hazard

The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Wal-Mart U.S. has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product that was sold in Wal-Mart U.S. Stores only. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Flow Pro, Airtech, Aloha Breeze & Comfort Essentials Heaters.

Importer: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., of Bentonville, Arkansas.

Hazard: The heaters can malfunction resulting in overheating, smoking, burning, melting and fire.

Incidents/Injuries: Wal-Mart U.S. has received 21 reports of incidents, which included 11 reports of property damage beyond the heater. Injuries were reported in four incidents, three of which required medical attention for minor burns and smoke inhalation. The remaining incidents included smoke irritation, sparking or property damage beyond the heater.

Description/Models: This recall involves Flow Pro, Airtech, Aloha Breeze and Comfort Essentials 1500 watt heaters. The heaters are grey with a metal handle on the

top with vents and grey control knobs on the front. The model number is 1013 and can be found on a label on the lower left corner of the back panel of the heater.

Sold Exclusively at: Wal-mart stores in the U.S. only from December 2001 through October 2009 for about \$18.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled heater and return the product to any Wal-mart U.S. store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Wal-Mart U.S. toll-free at (800) 925-6278 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT 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 Intertek Testing Services. For more information about Intertek Testing Services product certification process please visit Intertek Testing Services Web site at: www.intertek.com

