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Sportsstuff Inc. Recalls Air Pumps for Laceration 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. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of product: Inflator Air Pumps

Units: About 11,000

Importer: Sportsstuff Inc., of Omaha, Neb.

Hazard: These air pumps can overheat and explode during use, posing a risk of lacerations to the user and nearby consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Sportsstuff has received 52 reports of pumps exploding, 13 of which resulted in lacerations. Six of these incidents involved facial lacerations and one consumer reported an eye injury.

Description: The recalled products are 2.5 PSI pumps with model numbers 57-1504-A and 57-1504 that are used to inflate low pressure inflatable items such as rafts and toys. The Model No. 57-1504-A pump was sold separately with an assortment of interlocking nozzles to adapt to a number of needs. The Model 57-1504 pump was sold with the Sportsstuff Launch Pod, an inflatable water trampoline sold under Sportsstuff number 58-1002. The model number and the date code "0104" are located on the Underwriters' Laboratories label on the top of each pump. "2.5 PSI" was not written on the air pump, but was written on the packaging.

Sold through: Marine distributors, mail order catalogs, and sporting good and various other stores nationwide from January 2004 through January 2005 for about \$50. The Launch Pod water trampolines that included recalled pumps were sold at Sam's Club from January 2004 through August 2004 for about \$375.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the pumps and contact Sportsstuff for a free replacement.

Consumer Contact: Call Sportsstuff toll-free at (888) 814-8833 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.sportsstuff.com.

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals – contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 or visit CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.