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GENERAL ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER RESPONSE ACCEPTED BY CPSC

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 17, 1979)-- The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the General Electric Co. today announced agreement on a program for voluntary correction of hair dryers containing asbestos insulation.

While the Commission and GE are not in agreement as to whether each hair dryer presents or could present a health hazard, and while GE does not believe that it is legally required to undertake this program, GE has urged its distributor customers to return hair dryers containing asbestos to GE and to advise consumers of the situation. GE will retrofit all units capable of being retrofitted with a non-asbestos insulator.

For those units that cannot be readily retrofitted, GE has agreed, at the consumer's option, to exchange hair dryers in good operating condition for a suitable replacement or apply a depreciated credit against the purchase of other merchandise available at authorized GE small appliance service locations.

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Concerned consumers should bring their hair dryers to their nearest authorized service location or should call GE, toll-free, at 800-421-5822 for information. GE small appliance service locations are listed in the yellow pages of most telephone books. Hair dryers should not be brought to GE retailers.

The model numbers of the hair dryers containing asbestos are as follows:

PRO-11/5116-005	STC-1/1A
PRO-10/5115-013	UH-20
PRO-6/5112-005	HD-30
PRO-5/5110-013	UH-31
PRO-4/5109-001	HD-56
PRO-3/5107-011	HD-54
PRO-2/5108-005	HD-52
PRO-1/5105-013	HD-51
PB-1/5113-005	HD-63/63SS
SD-4/5101-013	HD-63SS/5063-008
SD-1/2	HD-53
STC-2	HD-20
	HD-55

Anyone wishing to verify model numbers may contact CPSC's toll-free Hot-Line at the following numbers: in the Continental U.S., 800-638-8326; in Maryland, 800-429-8363; and in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, 800-638-8333.