FILE NAME: Asbestos in Hair Dryers (HD)

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April 24, 1979

GENERAL LETTER: ZSM-9-79

TO: GENERAL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RETAIL DEALERS

Gentlemen:

As a result of the Consumer Product Safety Commission's investigation into the potential health hazard because of the utilization of asbestos materials as insulation in hair dryers, we have been requested by the CPSC to urge return of those General Electric units currently in your inventory which are listed on the reverse side of this letter. If you have not already made arrangements to return this merchandise, please contact your General Electric Sales Representative as soon as possible. As you know, we have discontinued shipping any hair dryers which contain asbestos insulation and have established a retrofit program to convert all General Electric inventory of affected models with mica insulation prior to shipping replacement merchandise to you.

As we have previously indicated, we do not believe our units present, or could present, a health hazard. The Commission has also asked us to urge you to ensure that your customers are aware of the present controversy over using hair dryers which contain asbestos insulation.

If you have any questions concerning the above or the list on the reverse side, please contact your Sales Representative.

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Fabeo
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General Electric Hair Dryers
Models Containing Asbestos Insulation

Type	Name	Model #
Pro Pistol	Super Turbo	PRO-11/5116-005
Pro Pistol	Power Turbo	PRO-10/5115-013
Pro Pistol	Super Pro	[illegible]
Pro Pistol	Power Pro	PRO-5/5110-013
Pro Pistol	Pro Dryer	PRO-4/5109-001
Pro Pistol	Pistol Dryer	PRO-3/5107-011
Pro Pistol	Super Pro	PRO-2/5108-005
Pro Pistol	Power Pro	PRO-1/5105-013
Power Brush	Power Brush	PB-1/5113-005
Styling Dryer	Styling Dryer	SD-4/5101-013
Styling Dryer	Styling Dryer	SD-1/2
Styling Comb	Mist Styling Comb	STC-2
Styling Comb	Styling Comb	STC-1/1A
Salon Dryer	Portable Professional	UH-20
Salon Dryer	Portable Professional	HD-55
Salon Dryer	Salon Style Speed Dryer	HD-30/UH31
Salon Dryer	Salon Style	HD-56
Salon Dryer	Salon Style	HD-54
Salon Dryer	Salon Style	HD-52
Salon Dryer	Salon Style	HD-51
Salon Dryer	Salon Style Mist	HD-63/63SS
Salon Dryer	Super-Speed Salon Style Mist	HD-63SS/5063-008
Salon Dryer	Salon Style Mist	HD-53
Bonnet Dryer	Portable Bonnet	HD-20

The above listing is on the reverse side of C. J. Fabso's letter dated April 24, 1979.