

Information Bulletin

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Brookdale International Systems Inc. Issues Suspend-Use Advisory for Respiratory Protective Escape Devices

Mar 11 06 Vancouver BC Canada -- Brookdale International Systems Inc., a manufacturer of respiratory protective escape devices (RPEDs), based in Vancouver, Canada, has decided, on the basis of recent test results, to suspend shipments and advise owners to suspend use of the devices, pending further inquiry.

This decision is a precautionary step based on these preliminary findings.

The test results in question relate to catalytic conversion of carbon monoxide. This could present a risk of carbon monoxide inhalation to the end users. The company is not aware of any incidents where a user of these products was exposed to harmful levels of carbon monoxide while using the device.

“Brookdale is conducting a prompt and thorough inquiry to address this situation,” said Derrick Russell, President of Brookdale. “We have also informed the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and work is underway with regulatory agencies in other regions where these products have been sold. The steps we are taking are a demonstration of our commitment to our customers, our products, and our company.”

Out of an abundance of caution, and based on these preliminary results, the company is strongly advising owners of these devices **TO NOT USE THE PRODUCTS**, pending further testing and analysis by Brookdale. Within 30 days, the company will further notify users about whether they should resume use of these devices, or whether the company will be taking correction action, and the nature of the action.

The products affected by these suspensions include:

- EVAC-U8(TM) Emergency Escape Smoke Hood
- EVAC+(TM) Emergency Escape Smoke Hood
- SmokeEater(TM) Emergency Escape Filter for Survivair SCBA
- EVACpro(TM) Emergency Escape Filter for Scott SCBA
- EVACpro(TM) Emergency Escape Filter for Draeger SCBA

Each of these products is designed as a device for escaping from structural fire situations.

This is an interim announcement. Further news will be forthcoming. For information about these products, please visit the Brookdale Web site at:

<http://www.evacsafety.com>
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