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Ocean Technology Systems Recalls Guardian Full-Face Diving Masks Due to Drowning Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, 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. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Guardian full-face diving masks

Units: About 1,700 in the U.S. and 80 in Canada

Manufacturer: Undersea Systems International Inc. dba Ocean Technology Systems, of Santa Ana, Calif.

Hazard: The purge assembly on the diving mask can disengage from the regulator, resulting in loss of air to the diver. This poses a drowning hazard to the consumer.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received one report of a disengaged assembly. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Guardian full-face diving masks with serial numbers 9051284 through 10070954. The serial number is printed on the main regulator body. The diving masks were sold in various colors. The Ocean Technology Systems' logo is affixed to the front of the mask.

Sold by: Diving equipment retailers and direct sales nationwide from September 2010 through November 2010 for about \$800.

Manufactured in: Taiwan

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the diving masks and contact Ocean Technology Systems for instructions on conducting a test of the regulator and returning the masks for a free repair.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Ocean Technology Systems toll-free at (877) 270-1984 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.otscomm.com. Consumers can also email the firm at <u>recall@otscomm.com</u>

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at http://cpsr-rspc.hc-sc.gc.ca/PR-RP/recall-retrait-eng.jsp?re_id=1299

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on <u>SaferProducts.gov</u>

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Federal law bars any person from selling products subject to a publicly-announced voluntary recall by a manufacturer or a mandatory recall ordered by the Commission.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury go online to <u>www.SaferProducts.gov</u> or call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain news release and recall information at <u>www.cpsc.gov</u>, on Twitter <u>@OnSafety</u> or by subscribing to CPSC's free e-mail newsletters.

