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P3 International Recalls IonizAir™ Air Purifiers Due to Risk of Fire

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: IonizAir™ Table Top Air Purifiers

Units: About 83,000

Importer: P3 International, of New York, N.Y.

Manufacturer: Leaven Enterprise Co., of Taiwan

Hazard: The air purifier's cartridge can overheat, posing a risk of fire.

Incidents/Injuries: P3 has received 10 reports of purifiers melting or catching fire. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recalled air purifier is a tabletop model that is about 6" x 3 ½" x 11 ¼". The unit has a removable cartridge with a silver-colored handle. The recall involves model number P4620 with lot numbers beginning with either 03 or 04 or having no lot number. The lot number is located on the bottom of the air purifier. No other models or lot numbers are included in this recall.

Sold at: Various retailers nationwide including mail-order and Internet retailers from January 2003 through July 2004 for between \$60 and \$90.

Manufactured in: Taiwan

Remedy: Consumers should stop using and unplug the recalled air purifier immediately, and contact the firm for a free replacement cartridge.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact the firm toll-free at (888) 734-0449 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.getnewcartridge.com.

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Label located on the bottom of unit with Model and Lot Numbers

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of 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 website at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's website at www.cpsc.gov.

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