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Snowboard Bindings Recalled Due to Fall Hazard

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. The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled product, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of Product: Quechua "Rn'x7FX" snowboard bindings

Units: About 230 bindings

Manufacturer and Distributor: Decathlon USA, of Wilmington, Ma.

Hazard: The snowboard binding's plastic base can break during use, posing a risk that snowboarders can fall and suffer a serious injury.

Incidents/Injuries: Decathlon USA has received one report of a broken binding, though no injuries have been reported.

Description: The model Rn'x7FX Quechua snowboard bindings are white or black. The word "Quechua" is located on the back of the binding. The model number is stamped on the box. Other Quechua snowboard bindings are unaffected by the recall but consumers may bring them to the store for proper identification.

Sold at: Decathlon USA stores in Massachusetts from October 2005 through December 2005 for about \$90.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the snowboard bindings immediately and return them to a Decathlon store for a gift certificate or reimbursement. Consumer will also receive a free pair of self-heating snow gloves.

Consumer Contact: For more information, return the bindings to your local Decathlon store or call Decathlon at 1-800-721-7780 between 8:30a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit Decathlon's website at www.decathlon.com

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC's 471 employees are committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. 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. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$500 billion annually.

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 Web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.