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Youth Jacket Recalled by PUMA North America Inc.; Waist Drawstrings Pose Entanglement 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. 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: PUMA USA V-Konstruct Training Jacket with Pockets

Units: About 5,000

Importer: PUMA North America, Inc., of Westford, Mass.

Hazard: The jacket has a drawstring at the waist that has toggles and is not stitched to the back of the jacket. The drawstring could become snagged or caught in small spaces or vehicle doors and it poses an entanglement hazard. In February 1996, CPSC issued <u>guidelines</u> (pdf) about drawstrings in children's upper outerwear. In 1997, those guidelines were incorporated into a voluntary standard. Then in July 2011, based on the guidelines and voluntary standard, CPSC issued a federal regulation. CPSC's actions demonstrate a commitment to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on neck and waist drawstrings in upper outerwear, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Description: This recall involves the USA V-Konstruct Training Jacket with Pockets model numbers 65110201, 65110202, 65110202, 65110203, 65110204 and 65110205. The model numbers are printed on the white care label that is stitched into a side seam towards the bottom of the jacket. The model numbers appear to the right of the words "(PVC Free)" and below the words "ART.NO." The recalled jackets have a short collar, full length zipper, two pockets, a mesh panel running along the back of the shoulders and under the sleeves and an elastic cord with toggles at the waist. The PUMA logo is featured on the upper right chest and left sleeve. The jackets were sold in YS (youth small), YM (youth medium) and YL (youth large) and in color combinations red/black, green/black, blue/black, navy/gray and black/gray.

Sold at: Ross and other clothing retail stores nationwide and online from January 2007 through January 2012 for between \$12 and \$55.

Manufactured in: Vietnam, Malaysia and China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these recalled youth jackets immediately and return the product to the retailer to obtain a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact PUMA North America Inc. toll-free at (855) 351-7489 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, visit the company's website at www.puma.com or e-mail the firm at productissue@puma.com.



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 SaferProducts.gov.

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.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: <u>SaferProducts.gov</u>, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at <u>www.cpsc.gov</u>. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to <u>www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx</u>.

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