

MINISTER WARNS CONSUMERS TO TAKE BACK FAULTY BLENDERS

Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge is warning consumers who have purchased a You'll Love Coles blender model YLCB, Tiffany blender model BBL1 or Homemaker blender model HMBLSK that the products are subject to a voluntary recall by GAF Control (Sales) Australia Pty Ltd.



Ms Judge said GAF Control (Sales) Australia initiated the recall of the blenders after receiving advice that the nut holding the motor can be easily broken due to inferior material.

"Without the nut, the blade of the blender is able to swing freely and has the potential to break the glass bowl causing injury to the user," Ms Judge said.

"Nationally there have been more than twenty incidents reported where the nut has come loose, and one incident where this has caused the glass to break.

"The You'll Love Coles blender has been sold at Coles, BI-LO and Pick 'n' Pay stores since 2006.

"The Tiffany blender has been sold at The Warehouse Group, Campbells Cash & Carry, Franklins, Harvey Norman, The Good Guys, Coles and other various independent stores since 2004.

"The Homemaker blender has been available at Kmart since 2007."

Ms Judge said the supplier has advised Fair Trading that a combined total of 51,789 blenders have been sold throughout Australia.

"Owners of any of these model blenders should cease using the product and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund," she said.

"More information about the recall is available by calling GAF Control on 1300 659 489."

Ms Judge offered the following tips to avoid accidents with electrical goods:

- Some overseas products may not operate satisfactorily or safely under Australian conditions using 240V 50Hz supply. Such products could be hazardous if used without modification. Have them checked before use.

- Do not immerse appliances in water to wash them unless instructions clearly allow it

- Always treat a 'tingle' or slight shock as a warning. Never touch an appliance which causes a 'tingle' or shock until it is repaired by an approved repairer.

- Never leave an appliance near the bath or basin. Children have been electrocuted by pulling hairdryers into baths even though the hairdryer switch was off. Unplug the appliance after every use.

For more information on product safety or to view the Safe Electrical Goods – A guide for retailers and importers fact sheet, visit the Fair Trading website www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au or call 13 32 20.



EUROVISION 2009

Aussies make it to Eurovision 2009

Gusto Music's Australian composers Craig Porteils and Cameron Giles-Webb have written the lyrics to the hit song "This is our Night" which will represent Greece in the 2009 Eurovision Song Contest in Moscow. The music was written by famous Greek pop composer and producer Dimitris Kontopoulos. The track will be sung and performed by Sakis Rouvas who is a huge pop star in Greece and the Balkan countries.

Craig and Cameron are delighted to be collaborating with Dimitris and Sakis and to be involved in not only the Eurovision song contest with them but also Sakis' new International album which will be released in May 2009.

Craig Porteils has also recently developed and produced the band "Short Stack" who are signed with Universal Music. Their new song "Princess" has got to number eleven on the Australian song charts.

Cameron Giles-Webb, along with fellow Gusto Music composer Colin Simkins, has also written the music to the Australian hit TV show "Satisfaction". They will be starting the third series of this later in the year.

Craig and Cameron will be flying to Athens in early May to meet with Dimitris and Sakis and then will go to Eurovision in Moscow as part of the Greek delegation.

WHY GREEK

Socrates' teachings rested on two unshakable propositions: (1) The principle never to do wrong nor to participate, even indirectly, in any wrongdoing and (2) the conviction that nobody who really knows what is good and right could act against it.

Together with Plato and Aristotle they laid the philosophical foundations of Western civilization, profoundly influenced Christianity and Arabic thought. So much so that Bertrand Russell could say "that everything else is merely footnotes to Plato & Aristotle".

It led others to proclaim: Without you Greece, what would the world be?

Wilhelm Muller.

Whatever, in fact, is modern in our life we owe to the Greeks?

Oscar Wilde

The Greeks possessed knowledge of human nature we seem hardly able to attain to without passing through the strengthening hibernation of a new barbarism.

George Christoph Lichtenberg.

The mention of Greece fills the mind with the most exalted sentiments and arouses in our bosoms the best feelings of which our nature is capable.

U.S. President James Monroe

"Whatever the brain and the heart represent to humans, Greece represents to humanity!" Goethe

If it is true that the violin is the most perfect of musical instruments, then Greekis

the violin of human thought.

Helen Keller.

Indeed which area of knowledge or thought does not have a Greek origin or invaluable contribution: theatre and drama, mathematics, poetry, history, philosophy, politics, democracy, sculpture, architecture, sport, medicine and science, music?

Plato's Academy pre-dated the first universities of London and Paris by 1500 years. The very concept of schooling is Greek. The first public school system in the world at a primary level was founded in Constantinople in 425 and continued until the capture of that city by the Turks in 1453.

The importance of the Greek language and alphabet (the western version of which this text is written in) in enriching all European languages is beyond dispute.

Now Apple has produced a Computer program called "Hellenic Quest" because it has been proven that the Greek language is unique. It is the only language in which each word and its meaning have a fundamental relationship eg. geometry-"earth measurement". All other languages arbitrarily assign a meaning to each word. The Greek language's mathematical structure makes it ideal for the computer which defines it as limitless. There is no limit to its extended use and invention of new terms

necessary for the development and expansion of IT, electronics and cyberspace.

At the present time 6 million word forms are known for the Greek language as against 790,000 for the English language. The programmers of Hellenic Quest estimate that the Greek forms of words will reach 90 million as against 9 million for Latin.

To learn the Greek language is an investment for the future of Australia. The UNSW has a Greek Studies Programme that should be enhanced not shut down. What would Socrates say

and how would such a decision square with his two immutable principles on the decision makers?

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world"
Ludwig Wittgenstein.

Costa Vertzayias

If you feel passionate about the Greek language and would like it to continue to be taught at the UNSW, write to the Vice Chancellor and Dean and express your views. Professor Fred Hilmer AO, e-mail: vicechancellor@unsw.edu.au or fax 9385 1949 and to the Dean of the faculty of Arts Professor James Donald e-mail: j.donald@unsw.edu.au or fax 9385 1016

SUNAIR FAN HEATER RECALLED

Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge is warning consumers who have purchased a Sunair Fan Heater model FHS35 and FHS34 that the products are subject to a voluntary recall by GAF Control Australia Pty Ltd. Ms Judge said GAF Control initiated the recall of the Sunair Fan Heater after receiving reports of an internal connection fault which, in the event of failure, could result in a fire. "There have been five reports of faults Australia wide," she said.

"The heater has been sold at Mitre 10, Kmart, The Good Guys, Harvey Norman, Bunnings, IGA, Coles, Woolworths, Franklins, Foodstuff New Zealand and various independent stores since 2005. "The supplier has advised Fair Trading that 102,879 units of the product have been sold throughout Australia." Ms Judge said owners of the Sunair Fan Heater should cease using the product and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. "More information about the recall is available by calling GAF Control on 1300 659 489," she said. Ms Judge said consumers looking to purchase an electric room heater should:

- Make sure the heater is clearly marked with the approval number or other acceptable marking, indicating it has been manufactured and approved to the Australian Standard. These numbers are usually found on the information label attached to the heater or moulded into the body of the heater.
- If you cannot see the approval marking, ask the retailer to point it out to you. If the heater does not have an approval marking – do not buy it! The product may be unsafe.
- Do not place the room heater too close to furniture or other items to avoid starting a fire
- Do not drape clothing over the heater
- Do not allow children or pets to play too close to the heater

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