

Northern Ireland NIAIC Alert

Action

Ref: NIA/2010/001 Issued: 2nd June 2010

Device

Convactor heaters, Micromark



Problem

Risk of fire. At least five incidents involving these heaters have been reported.

Action

- A check of all Micromark convector heaters in service should be made to ascertain if any are Model Numbers: MM53582, MM53583 and MM53584, Batch Numbers 2591577/06/07, 06/08, 06/09, 06/11 and 06/12.
- Any of the above identified should be removed from service.

Action by

All staff with responsibility for the supply and maintenance of this type of equipment.

Contact

Manufacturer has ceased trading, no contact details are available.

SABS Deadlines

Action Under Way: 17th June 2010

Action Complete: 1st July 2010

Problem

A number of reports have been received of fire incidents involving Micromark convector heaters. A Manufacturing fault has led to the overheating and ignition of the heater and its surroundings.

Action

This Alert is specific to convector heaters manufactured by Micromark, and type number and batch number as indicated. The batch numbers indicate those heaters manufactured in 2006.

A check of all Micromark convector heaters in service should be made to ascertain if any are Model Numbers: MM53582, MM53583 and MM53584, Batch Numbers 2591577/06/07, 06/08, 06/09, 06/11 and 06/12. Although no 06/10 batch numbers have been reported with problems, it may be wise to treat them as suspect.

- All Staff should check their workspaces to see if any of these affected heaters are present.
- All Managers should ensure any such heaters are immediately rendered unusable by unplugging the heater from the electrical supply and severing the power lead where it enters the heater to make it impossible to re-attach a plug.
- Managers should then arrange correct disposal of the heater, taking into consideration The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations.

MDEA(NI)2008/086 was specific to Micromark tower fan units but it maybe that a similar component was used in both.

Images showing typical defective convector heaters



Onward Distribution

Suggested Distribution List

- Liaison Officers
- Risk Managers
- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Estates Managers
- Social Care Staff
- Independent Health and Social Care Providers
- Private Clinics, Residential and Nursing Homes

Regional Information (Northern Ireland)

The contents of this alerts mirrors an alert previously published by Defects & Failures, Department of Health, England - DH (2009) 02

Enquiries in Northern Ireland should be addressed directly to NIAIC quoting the reference of Alert and should be addressed to:

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HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INCIDENTS

Adverse Incidents relating to medical devices, non-medical equipment, plant and buildings should be reported to NIAIC as soon as possible. Advice on how to report is given in DB2010-001. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided. Adverse Incident reporting forms and an on-line reporting facility are available on the NIAIC website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic

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