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To: NFES: National Interagency Support Caches

From: Dave Haston, Chair - NWCG Equipment Technology Committee

Subject: Leather Glove Recall (Limited), NFES #001293 – #001297

Leather work gloves (NFES #001293 through #001297) are utilized by firefighting personnel in most fire suppression operations and are considered an integral part of a firefighter's personal protective equipment (PPE). Independent testing of leather work gloves required for National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certification found that glove samples manufactured by UNICOR Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR-FPI) in May 2013, June 2013, and July 2013 failed to fully meet NFPA 1977, 2011 edition (NFPA 1977-2011) for heat resistance test criteria, and therefore are contractually non-compliant. Without NFPA certification the gloves do not meet specifications and must be removed from service.

Glove Identification Information:

The affected gloves are all in the "roughout" (flesh side out) configuration, and include all five sizes available for the affected production months.

The gloves are marked on three levels of packaging. These include the exterior labels of the box of 100 glove pairs (Figure 1 and 2 below), on the outside label affixed to the plastic shrink wrap for each package of 10 glove pairs (Figure 3), and on the interior label of each pair of gloves (Figure 4).

1. If the gloves are still in the original box, those with gloves affected under this recall can be identified by manufacturing dates of 5/13, 6/13, or 7/13 on the label, and/or they can be identified by having one of the purchase orders shown on the list below (Table 1).
2. If the gloves are in the packages of 10, they are not marked with the manufacturing date and the package will have to be opened to find a manufacturing date on the inside label of an individual glove. If one pair of affected gloves is found in the package of ten, return the entire package.

3. If the gloves are separated into pairs, the gloves marked on the individual inside label with the date of 5/13, 6/13, and 7/13 are subject to the recall and should be returned. Corresponding lot numbers found on the labels can also be used to identify non-compliant gloves (Table 2).

National Stock Numbers (NSN) and lot numbers are listed on the label of the glove.

Size	Purchase Order	Size	Purchase Order	Size	Purchase Order
XS	SW-D3A0J-L	Large	SW-D3A0G-Y	X-Large	SW-D3A0G-Z
XS	NW-D3A0N-2	Large	SW-D3A0J-M	X-Large	NW-D3A0K-L
Small	SW-D3A0L-7	Large	NW-D3A0J-N	X-Large	NW-D3A0N-0
Small	NW-D3A0L-Y	Large	NW-D3A0M-Z	X-Large	NW-D3A0P-R
Medium	SW-D3A0G-X	Large	NW-D3A0N-4	X-Large	NW-D4A00-3
Medium	NW-D3A0L-Z	Large	NW-D3A0M-0		
Medium	NW-D3A0N-3	Large	NW-D3A0R-3		
Medium	NW-D3A0P-G	Large	NW-D4A00-Y		
Medium	NW-D4A04-5	Large	NW-D4A00-2		

Table 1. Purchase order numbers corresponding to recalled gloves

The NSN and corresponding lot numbers of non-compliant gloves are listed below:

NSN	Size	Lot Numbers			
8415-01-394-0208	X-Small	8652918			
8415-01-394-0209	Small	8652982	8637333	8630804	
8415-01-394-0210	Medium	8652919	8637334	8611382	
8415-01-394-0215	Large	8652981	8637335	8623490	
8415-01-397-3937	X-Large	8652920	8637336	8629776	8611384

Table 2. NSN and lot numbers corresponding to recalled gloves



Figure 1. Carton label

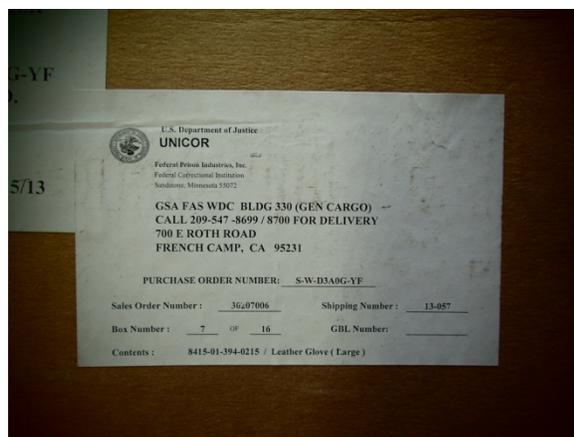


Figure 2. Carton label

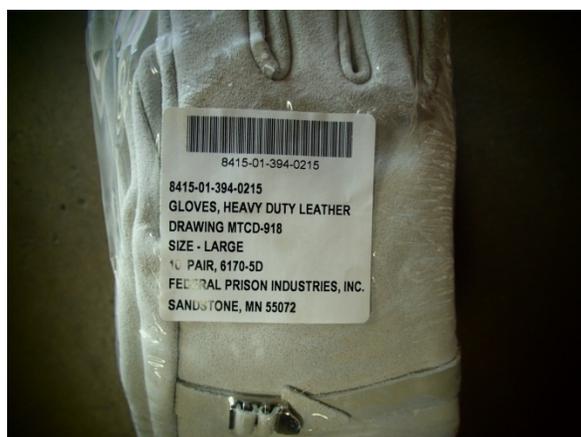


Figure 3. Label on shrink wrap (10 pack)



Figure 4. Individual glove label

Return of UNICOR-FPI Gloves:

If a box is marked with an affected purchase order, or even if only a single glove of the affected dates is found, the entire box/package should be returned to the manufacturer, UNICOR-FPI. UNICOR-FPI will sort and return the gloves not affected, as well as replace the gloves that are affected.

UNICOR-FPI will incur all costs related to the replacement of gloves. This includes postage cost to and from UNICOR-FPI facilities. Replacement gloves will be sent to the mailing address from which the gloves were delivered. There is a limited time window to return the gloves to UNICOR-FPI.

NOTE: All glove returns must be postmarked to UNICOR-FPI no later than December 5, 2014. UNICOR-FPI will have an additional 30 days to replace all returned gloves.

All returns must be prepared by phone. Call Mark Nelson, UNICOR-FPI Warehouse Foreman, at **320-245-6313** to make arrangements for glove returns and exchanges.

Please distribute this information widely. For any questions, please contact the GSA Administrative Contracting Officer, John Woo via email, john.woo@gsa.gov or phone, 415-522-3642.

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