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DISTRIBUTOR NOTICE

PRO-TECH 8 STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GLOVE

MAY 20, 2008

DEAR PRO-TECH 8 GLOVE DISTRIBUTOR,

TECHTRADE LLC IS ISSUING THIS NOTICE TO OUR DISTRIBUTOR COMMUNITY TO CLARIFY THE ISSUES SURROUNDING OUR PRO-TECH 8 STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GLOVE. THIS NOTICE INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL USER NOTICE WHICH IS INTENDED TO BE FORWARDED BY OUR DISTRIBUTORS TO ALL USERS OF THE PRO-TECH 8 STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GLOVE.

THE PRO-TECH 8 GLOVE WAS INITIALLY CERTIFIED TO AND MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2007 EDITION OF THE NFPA 1971 STANDARD THAT WERE IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME OF CERTIFICATION APPROVAL. HOWEVER, THE NFPA ISSUED A FORMAL INTERPRETATION EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2008 THAT CLARIFIED LANGUAGE IN THE STANDARD PERTAINING TO THE HEAT AND THERMAL SHRINKAGE RESISTANCE TEST. AS A RESULT, A RE-EVALUATION OF THE PRO-TECH 8 GLOVE INNER LINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEWLY ISSUED INTERPRETATION YIELDED NON-COMPLIANT RESULTS WITH THIS SPECIFIC TEST. BASED ON THIS NEW INFORMATION, SEI WITHDREW THE CERTIFICATION OF THE PRO-TECH 8 GLOVE.

THE NEWLY ISSUED FORMAL INTERPRETATION TO THE NFPA 1971-2007 EDITION STANDARD AND THE SUBSEQUENT NON-COMPLIANT RESULTS OF THE HEAT AND THERMAL SHRINKAGE RESISTANCE TEST CONDUCTED ON THE LINER DOES NOT AFFECT THE COMPLIANT THERMAL PROTECTION, CONDUCTIVE HEAT RESISTANCE, FLAME RESISTANCE OR ANY OTHER PROTECTIVE PROPERTIES OF THE PRO-TECH 8 GLOVE AS A WHOLE, WHETHER AS TESTED IN THE LABORATORY OR DURING ACTUAL USE IN THE FIELD.

TECHTRADE REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS SITUATION MAY HAVE CAUSED; HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE THIS MEASURE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF THE PRO-TECH 8 GLOVE.

ADDITIONALLY, TECHTRADE IS REQUESTING THAT ALL PRO-TECH 8 STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GLOVES POSSESSED BY DISTRIBUTORS BE RETURNED TO TECHTRADE, OR AT A MINIMUM THE CERTIFICATION LABEL CONTAINING THE SEI LOGO AND NFPA COMPLIANCE INFORMATION MUST BE REMOVED AND RETURNED TO TECHTRADE. WE WILL CONTACT EACH INDIVIDUAL DISTRIBUTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED.

IF HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT TECHTRADE AT: 866-491-8324 OR 212-481-2515 EXT. 105.