



SURVIVAIR®



SAFETY NOTICE

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RE: Recall of Survivair CBRN canister Model 1690 (packaged part number 169000) with expiration dates of 2015/02 and 2015/03

Dear Survivair Distributor:

Threads on some of the subject canisters are not in compliance with the thread specification called out in the NIOSH standard for Full-Facepiece Air Purifying Respirators (APR) for Use against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Agents. Compliance to the thread specification in this standard assures that CBRN canisters made by different manufacturers can be used interchangeably with other manufacturers' facepieces. Because the threads on the Survivair Model 1690 canisters do not comply, there is no assurance that they will fit properly into the canister receptacles on other manufacturers' facepieces.

The standard allows for approval of facepieces with either shallow (9 mm) or deep (13 mm) receptacles. The Model 1690 canister, even with non-compliant threads, fits securely into the deep (13 mm) receptacle of the Survivair Opt-Fit CBRN facepiece. However, it may not fit securely into the receptacles on other manufacturers' facepieces. Because of this non-compliance, NIOSH requested that Survivair stop sale and recall field deployed canisters.

Until field deployed canisters with non-compliant threads can be replaced, Model 1690 canisters must be used only with Survivair Opt-Fit CBRN facepieces. Survivair will replace, free of charge, all Model 1690 canisters that were made with non-compliant threads.

Canisters with non-complaint threads can be identified by the expiration date which appears on the canister box, the canister foil pouch, and on the canister itself. The attached photographs show the locations of the expiration date. Only canisters with expiration dates of 2015/02 and 2015/03 are subject to recall. (You don't need to open the box or foil pouch. The expiration date on the box is the same expiration date that is on the canister in that box.)





Contact Survivair at 800-821-7236 to arrange for replacement canisters.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your immediate attention to this issue. For additional information, you may call Survivair Customer Service at (800) 821-7236 or NIOSH at (412) 386-4000.

Sincerely Yours

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