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IMPORTANT PRODUCT RECALL!

Dear Customer-

AFTCO has recently encountered a problem with our Maxforce I (stand-up) and Maxforce II (shoulder-style) harnesses which we need you to be aware of.

A small percentage of the brass clips used to attach the harness to the **reel lugs are failing in use**. The brass clips we are using have a very high strength rating, but the swivel mechanism on some of the clips was improperly swaged by the clip manufacturer, which can lead to failure. **We recognize this problem could potentially be dangerous to the angler, and we want to immediately replace any of the brass clips on any harnesses you have in stock. We stopped all shipping of Maxforce I and II harnesses last week when we learned of the problem, and we will not ship any additional units until the clips have been replaced on all harnesses in stock.** We estimate the problem will be solved and we will begin shipping again before the end of September.

Please do not sell any more AFTCO Maxforce I or II harnesses you have in stock at this time. In addition, please tell your customers, who you know have purchased the harness, to only use the stainless steel harness-hooks provided with the Maxforce I harness. The brass clips on the Maxforce I can easily be removed from the harness straps and replaced with the stainless steel harness-hooks sold with the Maxforce I. The clips on the Maxforce II can only be replaced by cutting through the brass clip's swivel area and replacing with the new stainless snap-hooks we will provide free of charge. AFTCO will be happy to replace brass clips on any harness returned to us post-paid, for no charge.

In addition, AFTCO will replace the clips on any of your in-stock Maxforce harnesses returned to us, again, at no charge. We will also give you a supply of replacement clips for any customer who wishes to replace them. Just let us know how many you need and we will send them at no charge.

We regret and apologize for the troubles this product failure may have caused you or your customers, and you can rest assured AFTCO will do everything possible to solve the problem as quickly and painlessly as is possible.

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