



Product Safety & Compliance

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Subject: Important – Lowered Lead Limits to 100 ppm – Testing will begin October 1, 2010

Dear Walmart U.S., Sam's Club U.S., Walmart.com and Samsclub.com Suppliers:

This memo serves as notice of lowered lead limits to 100 ppm for children's products offered for sale on or after August 14, 2011, with testing to begin on October 1, 2010.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) states that the limit for lead in children's products offered for sale on or after August 14, 2011 will drop to 100 ppm if determined by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to be feasible. Walmart is issuing the direction in this memo in anticipation of this requirement becoming a final rule by the CPSC. Once the final rule has been issued by the CPSC, Walmart will recognize any exemptions granted in the rule.

Lowered lead limits:

All children's products must comply with the lowered lead limits of 100 ppm effective for products offered for sale on or after August 14, 2011 with a testing begin date of October 1, 2010. These limits apply to ALL children's products. Children's products are defined as products primarily intended for ages 0-12.

- **Accessible Substrate:** Lead limits will drop to 100 ppm for ALL children's products offered for sale on or after August 14, 2011.
- **Surface Coatings:** Lead limits on ALL children's products, paint in the can, and paint on furniture will remain at 90 PPM.
- **Test labs will begin testing to these limits on October 1, 2010.**
- Suppliers have been informed of the October 1, 2010 testing date through a note that has appeared on the testing protocols since February 2009.

Products that are not compliant with the lowered lead limits of 100 ppm will be removed from inventory on August 14, 2011.

All guidance in this document is subject to change based on future rulings by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Walmart does not provide legal advice to its suppliers, so where needed, suppliers should seek their own legal counsel with questions concerning implications and legal interpretations. Please review the documents available on retail link, immediately assess the impact, and plan accordingly. Please e-mail gmcomply@wal-mart.com with questions.

Thank you for your compliance.

Sincerely,

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