

1 1.3 “Effective Date” means the date on which this Consent Judgment is entered by
2 the Court.

3 1.4 “Fashion Accessories” means belts.

4 1.5 “Lead Limits” means the maximum concentrations of lead and lead
5 compounds (“Lead”) by weight specified in Section 3.2.

6 1.6 “Manufactured” and “Manufactures” have the meaning defined in Section
7 3(a)(10) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (“CPSA”) [15 U.S.C. § 2052(a)(10)],¹ as amended
8 from time to time.

9 1.7 “Non-Suspect Materials” means natural materials other than leather that have
10 been determined not to exceed lead limits for children’s products by the final rule of the
11 Consumer Product Safety Commission set forth at 16 C.F.R. § 1500.91(d) and (e), as it exists on
12 June 1, 2010.

13 1.8 “Private Label Covered Product” means a Fashion Accessory that bears a
14 private label where (i) the product (or its container) is labeled with the brand or trademark of a
15 person other than a manufacturer of the product, (ii) the person with whose brand or trademark
16 the product (or container) is labeled has authorized or caused the product to be so labeled, and
17 (iii) the brand or trademark of a manufacturer of such product does not appear on such label.

18 1.9 “Private Labeler” means an owner or licensee of a brand or trademark on the
19 label of a consumer product which bears a private label; provided, however, that Settling
20 Defendant is not a Private Labeler due solely to the fact that its name, brand or trademark is
21 visible on a sign or on the price tag of a Fashion Accessory that is not labeled with a third party’s
22 brand or trademark.

23 1.10 “Paint or other Surface Coatings” has the meaning defined in 16 C.F.R.
24 § 1303.2(b)², as amended from time to time.

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26 ¹ As of May 1, 2011, the term “Manufactured” and “Manufactures” means to manufacture,
produce, or assemble.

27 ² As of May 1, 2011, “Paint or other Surface Coatings” means a fluid, semi-fluid, or other
28 material, with or without a suspension of finely divided coloring matter, which changes to a solid
film when a thin layer is applied to a metal, wood, stone, paper, leather, cloth, plastic, or other

1 1.11 “Vendor” means a person or entity that Manufactures, imports, distributes, or
2 supplies a Fashion Accessory to Settling Defendant.

3 **2. INTRODUCTION**

4 2.1 The parties to this Consent Judgment (“Parties”) are the Center for
5 Environmental Health (“CEH”) and defendant Charlotte Russe, Inc. (“Settling Defendant”).

6 2.2 On or around May 9, 2011, CEH served a 60-Day Notice of Violation under
7 Proposition 65 (The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health
8 & Safety Code §§ 25249.5, *et seq.*), alleging that Settling Defendant violated Proposition 65 by
9 exposing persons to Lead contained in belts, without first providing a clear and reasonable
10 Proposition 65 warning.

11 2.3 Settling Defendant manufactures, distributes or offers Fashion Accessories for
12 sale in the State of California or has done so in the past.

13 2.4 On June 24, 2009, CEH filed the action entitled *CEH v. LuLu NYC LLC, et al.*,
14 Case No. RG 09-459448, in the Superior Court of California for Alameda County, alleging
15 Proposition 65 violations as to wallets, handbags, purses and clutches. On January 15, 2010,
16 CEH filed a related action entitled *CEH v. Ashley Stewart Ltd., et al.*, Case No. RG 10-494289,
17 alleging Proposition 65 violations as to belts. On March 3, 2010, the *Lulu* and *Ashley Stewart*
18 cases were consolidated for pre-trial purposes with other related cases. On July 26, 2011, CEH
19 filed the operative Third Amended Complaint in *Ashley Stewart* naming Settling Defendant as a
20 defendant. Since then, CEH has filed several actions alleging Proposition 65 violations as to
21 Lead in similar products that have been consolidated for pre-trial purposes under Lead Case No.
22 RG 09-459448.

23 2.5 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this
24 Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the operative Complaint
25 applicable to Settling Defendant (the “Complaint”) and personal jurisdiction over Settling
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27 surface. This term does not include printing inks or those materials which actually become a part
28 of the substrate, such as the pigment in a plastic article, or those materials which are actually
bonded to the substrate, such as by electroplating or ceramic glazing.

1 Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda,
2 and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment.

3 2.6 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is or shall be construed as an admission by
4 the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance
5 with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact,
6 conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall
7 prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, argument or defense the Parties may have in any
8 other legal proceeding. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and
9 is accepted by the Parties for purposes of settling, compromising and resolving issues disputed in
10 this action.

11 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

12 3.1 **Specification Compliance Date.** To the extent it has not already done so, no
13 more than 30 days after the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall provide the Lead Limits to its
14 Vendors of Fashion Accessories and shall instruct each Vendor to use reasonable efforts to
15 provide Fashion Accessories that comply with the Lead Limits on a nationwide basis. This
16 Section 3.1 is not applicable with respect to Non-Suspect Materials.

17 3.2 **Lead Limits.**

18 Settling Defendant shall not purchase, import, Manufacture, or supply to an
19 unaffiliated third party any Covered Product that will be sold or offered for sale to California
20 consumers that exceeds the following Lead Limits:

21 3.2.1 Commencing on the Effective Date, Paint or other Surface Coatings on
22 Accessible Components: 90 parts per million ("ppm").

23 3.2.2 Commencing on the Effective Date, leather (including composited leather)
24 Accessible Components: 300 ppm.

25 3.2.3 Commencing on the Effective Date, polyvinyl chloride ("PVC")
26 Accessible Components: 200 ppm.

27 3.2.4 Commencing on the Effective Date, for all other Accessible Components
28 other than cubic zirconia (sometimes called cubic zirconium, CZ), crystal, glass or rhinestones:

1 300 ppm.

2 **3.3 Final Retail Compliance Date.** Commencing on August 1, 2012, Settling
3 Defendant shall not sell or offer for sale in California any Covered Product that exceeds the Lead
4 Limits specified in Section 3.2. For purposes of this Section 3.3, when Settling Defendant's
5 direct customer sells or offers for sale to California consumers a Covered Product after the
6 applicable Final Retail Compliance Date, Settling Defendant is deemed to "offer for sale in
7 California" that Covered Product.

8 **3.4 Warnings for Covered Products.**

9 **3.4.1 Interim Warning Option.** A Covered Product purchased, imported or
10 Manufactured by Settling Defendant before the Effective Date, may, as an alternative to
11 meeting the Lead Limits, be sold or offered for retail sale in California after December 1,
12 2012, with a Clear and Reasonable Warning that complies with the provisions of Section
13 3.4.2.

14 **3.4.2 Proposition 65 Warnings.** A Clear and Reasonable Warning under this
15 Consent Judgment shall state either:

16 WARNING: This product contains lead, a chemical known to the State of
17 California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Do not allow children
18 to mouth or chew.

19 Or

20 WARNING: This product contains lead, a chemical known to the State of
21 California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Do not mouth or
22 chew.

23 This statement shall be prominently displayed on the Covered Product or the packaging of
24 the Covered Product with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words,
25 statements or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary
26 individual prior to sale. For internet, catalog or any other sale where the consumer is not
27 physically present and cannot see a warning displayed on the Covered Product or the
28 packaging of the Covered Product prior to purchase or payment, the warning statement

1 shall be displayed in such a manner that it is likely to be read and understood prior to the
2 authorization of or actual payment.

3 **3.5 Action Regarding Specific Products.**

4 3.5.1 On or before the Effective Date, each Settling Defendant shall cease selling
5 the Wide Braided Belt in Brown, SKU No. 301134255 (the "Section 3.5 Product") in
6 California. On or before the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall also: (i) cease
7 shipping the Section 3.5 Product to any of its customers that resell the Section 3.5 Product
8 in California, and (ii) send instructions to its customers that resell the Section 3.5 Product
9 in California instructing them to cease offering such Section 3.5 Product for sale in
10 California.

11 3.5.2 If Settling Defendant has not complied with Section 3.5.1 prior to
12 executing this Consent Judgment, it shall instruct its California stores and/or customers
13 that resell the Section 3.5 Product either to (i) return all the Section 3.5 Product to the
14 Settling Defendant for destruction; or (ii) directly destroy the Section 3.5 Product; or (iii)
15 sell the Section 3.5 Product with a Clear and Reasonable Warning that complies with the
16 provisions of Section 3.4.2.

17 3.5.3 Any destruction of Section 3.5 Product shall be in compliance with all
18 applicable laws.

19 3.5.4 Within sixty days of the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall provide
20 CEH with written certification from Settling Defendant confirming compliance with the
21 requirements of this Section 3.5.

22 **4. ENFORCEMENT**

23 4.1 Any Party may, after meeting and conferring, by motion or application for an
24 order to show cause before this Court, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent
25 Judgment. Enforcement of the terms and conditions of Sections 3.2 and 3.3 of this Consent
26 Judgment shall be brought exclusively pursuant to Sections 4.3 through 4.4.

27 4.2 Within 30 days after the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall notify CEH
28 of a means sufficient to allow CEH to identify Covered Products supplied or offered by Settling

1 Defendant on or after that date, for example, a unique brand name or characteristic system of
2 product numbering or labeling. Information provided to CEH pursuant to this Section 4.2,
3 including but not limited to the identities of parties to contracts between Settling Defendant and
4 third parties, may be designated by Settling Defendant as competitively sensitive confidential
5 business information, and if so designated shall not be disclosed to any person, without the
6 written permission of Settling Defendant. Any motions or pleadings or any other court filings
7 that may reveal information designated as competitively sensitive confidential business
8 information pursuant to this Section shall be submitted in accordance with California Rules of
9 Court 8.46 and 2.550, *et seq.*

10 4.3 **Notice of Violation.** CEH may seek to enforce the requirements of Sections
11 3.2 or 3.3 by issuing a Notice of Violation pursuant to this Section 4.3.

12 4.3.1 **Service of Notice.** CEH shall serve the Notice of Violation on Settling
13 Defendant within 45 days of the date the alleged violation(s) was or were observed,
14 provided, however, that CEH may have up to an additional 45 days to provide Settling
15 Defendant with the test data required by Section 4.3.2(d) below if it has not yet obtained it
16 from its laboratory.

17 4.3.2 **Supporting Documentation.** The Notice of Violation shall, at a minimum,
18 set forth for each Covered Product: (a) the date(s) the alleged violation(s) was observed,
19 (b) the location at which the Covered Product was offered for sale, (c) a description of the
20 Covered Product giving rise to the alleged violation, and of each Accessible Component
21 that is alleged not to comply with the Lead Limits and/or each Accessible Component that
22 is a Non-Suspect Material that is alleged to contain Lead in excess of 300 ppm, including
23 a picture of the Covered Product and all identifying information on tags and labels, and
24 (d) all test data obtained by CEH regarding the Covered Product and related supporting
25 documentation, including all laboratory reports, quality assurance reports and quality
26 control reports associated with testing of the Covered Products. Such Notice of Violation
27 shall be based at least in part upon total acid digest testing performed by an independent
28 accredited laboratory. Wipe, swipe, x-ray fluorescence, and swab testing are not by

1 themselves sufficient to support a Notice of Violation, although any such testing may be
2 used as additional support for a Notice. The Parties agree that the sample Notice of
3 Violation attached hereto as Exhibit A is sufficient in form to satisfy the requirements of
4 subsections (c) and (d) of this Section 4.3.2.

5 **4.3.3 Additional Documentation.** CEH shall promptly make available for
6 inspection and/or copying upon request by and at the expense of Settling Defendant, all
7 supporting documentation related to the testing of the Covered Products and associated
8 quality control samples, including chain of custody records, all laboratory logbook entries
9 for laboratory receiving, sample preparation, and instrumental analysis, and all printouts
10 from all analytical instruments relating to the testing of Covered Product samples and any
11 and all calibration, quality assurance, and quality control tests performed or relied upon in
12 conjunction with the testing of the Covered Products, obtained by or available to CEH that
13 pertains to the Covered Product's alleged noncompliance with Section 3 and, if available,
14 any exemplars of Covered Products tested.

15 **4.3.4 Multiple Notices.** If Settling Defendant has received more than four
16 Notices of Violation in any 12-month period, at CEH's option, CEH may seek whatever
17 fines, costs, penalties, or remedies are provided by law for failure to comply with the
18 Consent Judgment. For purposes of determining the number of Notices of Violation
19 pursuant to this Section 4.3.4, the following shall be excluded:

20 (a) Multiple notices identifying Covered Products Manufactured for or
21 sold to Settling Defendant from the same Vendor; and

22 (b) A Notice of Violation that meets one or more of the conditions of
23 Section 4.4.3(b).

24 **4.4 Notice of Election.** Within 30 days of receiving a Notice of Violation
25 pursuant to Section 4.3, including the test data required pursuant to 4.3.2(d), Settling Defendant
26 shall provide written notice to CEH stating whether it elects to contest the allegations contained in
27 the Notice of Violation ("Notice of Election"). Failure to provide a Notice of Election shall be
28 deemed an election to contest the Notice of Violation.

1 **4.4.1 Contested Notices.** If the Notice of Violation is contested, the Notice of
2 Election shall include all then-available documentary evidence regarding the alleged
3 violation, including any test data. Within 30 days the parties shall meet and confer to
4 attempt to resolve their dispute. Should such attempts at meeting and conferring fail,
5 CEH may file an enforcement motion or application pursuant to Section 4.1. If Settling
6 Defendant withdraws its Notice of Election to contest the Notice of Violation before any
7 motion concerning the violations alleged in the Notice of Violation is filed pursuant to
8 Section 4.1, Settling Defendant shall make a contribution to the Proposition 65 Fashion
9 Accessory Testing Fund in the amount of \$12,500 and shall comply with all of the non-
10 monetary provisions of Section 4.4.2. If, at any time prior to reaching an agreement or
11 obtaining a decision from the Court, CEH or Settling Defendant acquires additional test or
12 other data regarding the alleged violation, it shall promptly provide all such data or
13 information to the other Party.

14 **4.4.2 Non-Contested Notices.** If the Notice of Violation is not contested,
15 Settling Defendant shall include in its Notice of Election a detailed description of
16 corrective action that it has undertaken or proposes to undertake to address the alleged
17 violation. Any such correction shall, at a minimum, provide reasonable assurance that the
18 Covered Product will no longer be offered by Settling Defendant or its customers for sale
19 in California. If there is a dispute over the sufficiency of the proposed corrective action or
20 its implementation, CEH shall promptly notify Settling Defendant and the Parties shall
21 meet and confer before seeking the intervention of the Court to resolve the dispute. In
22 addition to the corrective action, Settling Defendant shall make a contribution to the
23 Fashion Accessory Testing Fund in the amount of \$10,000, unless one of the provisions of
24 Section 4.4.3 applies.

25 **4.4.3 Limitations in Non-Contested Matters.**

26 (a) If it elects not to contest a Notice of Violation before any motion
27 concerning the violation(s) at issue has been filed, the monetary liability of Settling
28 Defendant shall be limited to the contributions required by this Section 4.4.3, if any.

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(b) The contribution to the Fashion Accessory Testing Fund shall be:

(i) One thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1750) if Settling Defendant, prior to receiving and accepting for distribution or sale the Covered Product identified in the Notice of Violation, obtained test results demonstrating that all of the Accessible Components in the Covered Product identified in the Notice of Violation complied with the applicable Lead Limits, and further provided that such test results would be sufficient to support a Notice of Violation and that the testing was performed within two years prior to the date of the sales transaction on which the Notice of Violation is based. Settling Defendant shall provide copies of such test results and supporting documentation to CEH with its Notice of Election; or

(ii) Not required or payable, if the Notice of Violation concerns a Non-Suspect Material; provided, however, that the foregoing exemption shall not apply if Settling Defendant has received more than three Notices of Violation in an 18-month period for the same Non-Suspect Material that was supplied by more than one Vendor; or

(iii) One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) if Settling Defendant is in violation of Section 3.3 only insofar as that Section deems Settling Defendant to have "offered for sale" a product sold at retail by Settling Defendant's customer, provided however, that no contribution is required or payable if Settling Defendant has already been required to pay a total of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) pursuant to this subsection. This subsection shall apply only to Covered Products that Settling Defendant demonstrates were shipped prior to the applicable Shipping Compliance Date specified in Section 3.2.

(iv) Not required or payable, if the Notice of Violation identifies the same Covered Product or Covered Products, differing only in size or

1 color, that have been the subject of another Notice of Violation within the
2 preceding 12 months.

3 4.5 **Additional Enforcement for Noncompliant Non-Covered Products.** If
4 CEH alleges that Settling Defendant sold or offered for retail sale to California consumers a
5 Fashion Accessory that is not a Covered Product, and that contains Lead in an amount that
6 exceeds any of the applicable Lead Limits ("Noncompliant Non-Covered Product"), then prior to
7 CEH serving a 60-Day Notice under Proposition 65 on Settling Defendant, CEH shall provide
8 notice to Settling Defendant pursuant to this Section 4.5.

9 4.5.1 The notice shall contain the information required for a Notice of Violation
10 in Section 4.3. If the information is insufficient to allow Settling Defendant to identify the
11 Noncompliant Non-Covered Product and/or Vendor, it may request that CEH provide any
12 further identifying information for the Noncompliant Non-Covered Product that is
13 reasonably available to it.

14 4.5.2 Within 30 days of receiving a notice pursuant to Section 4.5, or of any
15 requested further information sufficient to identify the Noncompliant Non-Covered
16 Product, whichever is later, Settling Defendant shall serve a Notice of Election on CEH.
17 The Notice of Election shall:

18 (a) Identify to CEH (by proper name, address of principal place of
19 business and telephone number) the person or entity that sold the Noncompliant Non-
20 Covered Product to Settling Defendant;

21 (b) Identify the manufacturer and other distributors in the chain of
22 distribution of the Noncompliant Non-Covered Product, provided that such information is
23 reasonably available; and

24 (c) Include either: (i) a statement that Settling Defendant elects not to
25 proceed under this Section 4.5, in which case CEH may take further action including
26 issuance of a 60-Day Notice under Proposition 65; (ii) a statement that Settling Defendant
27 elects to proceed under this Section 4.5, with a description of corrective action that meets
28 the conditions of Section 4.4.2., and a contribution to the Fashion Accessory Testing Fund

1 in the amount required under Section 4.5.6, or (iii) a statement that Settling Defendant
2 contends that the Noncompliant Non-Covered Product is released from liability by a
3 Qualified Settlement under Section 4.5.4 along with a copy of such Qualified Settlement.

4 4.5.3 A party's disclosure pursuant to this Section 4.5 of any (i) test reports, (ii)
5 confidential business information, or (iii) other information that may be subject to a claim
6 of privilege or confidentiality, shall not constitute a waiver of any such claim of privilege
7 or confidentiality, provided that the Party disclosing such information shall clearly
8 designate it as confidential. Any Party receiving information designated as confidential
9 pursuant to this Section 4.5.3 shall not disclose such information to any unrelated person
10 or entity, and shall use such information solely for purposes of resolving any disputes
11 under this Consent Judgment.

12 4.5.4 No further action is required of Settling Defendant under this Consent
13 Judgment if the Noncompliant Non-Covered Product is otherwise released from liability
14 for alleged violations of Proposition 65 with respect to Lead in the Noncompliant Non-
15 Covered Product by the terms of a separate settlement agreement or consent judgment
16 entered into by CEH under Health & Safety Code § 25249.7 ("Qualified Settlement").

17 4.5.5 If Settling Defendant elects not to proceed under Section 4.5, then neither
18 Settling Defendant nor CEH has any further duty under this Section 4.5 and either may
19 pursue any available remedies under Proposition 65 or otherwise. If Settling Defendant
20 elects to proceed under Section 4.5.2(c)(ii), then compliance with that Section shall
21 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 as to that Noncompliant Non-Covered Product.

22 4.5.6 If Settling Defendant elects to proceed under this Section 4.5 and is not
23 relieved of liability under Section 4.5.4, Settling Defendant shall make a contribution to
24 the Fashion Accessory Testing Fund in the amounts that follow unless one of the
25 provisions of Section 4.4.3(b) applies, in which case the applicable amount specified in
26 Section 4.4.3(b) if any, shall instead apply. The contribution shall be \$5,000 if at least one
27 of the person(s) identified by Settling Defendant pursuant to Section 4.5.2 (i) is a person
28 in the course of doing business as defined in Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(b) and (ii)

1 has a principal place of business located within the United States, and \$10,000 for all
2 other notices.

3 4.5.7 If Settling Defendant makes a contribution pursuant to this Section and at a
4 later date CEH resolves the alleged violation with the direct or indirect Vendor of the
5 Noncompliant Non-Covered Product, CEH shall notify Settling Defendant and Settling
6 Defendant shall be entitled to a refund of the lesser amount of its contribution or the
7 settlement amount paid by such Vendor. If the settlement or consent judgment between
8 CEH and the direct or indirect Vendor of the Noncompliant Non-Covered Product does
9 not provide for the refund to be paid directly by the Vendor to Settling Defendant, then
10 CEH shall pay the refund to Settling Defendant within 15 days of receiving the Vendor's
11 settlement payment.

12 4.5.8 Any notice served by CEH pursuant to this Section 4.5 shall not be
13 considered a Notice of Violation for purposes of Section 4.3. Nothing in this Section 4.5
14 affects CEH's right to issue a 60-Day Notice under Proposition 65 against any entity other
15 than Settling Defendant.

16 **5. PAYMENTS**

17 5.1 **Payments by Settling Defendant.** Within five (5) days of entry of this Consent
18 Judgment, Settling Defendant shall pay the total sum of \$45,000 as a settlement payment. The
19 total settlement amount for Settling Defendant shall be paid in three separate checks delivered to
20 the offices of the Lexington Law Group (Attn: Eric Somers), 503 Divisadero Street, San
21 Francisco, California 94117. The funds paid by Settling Defendant shall be allocated between the
22 following categories:

23 5.1.1 \$5,930 as a civil penalty pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b),
24 such money to be apportioned by CEH in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12
25 (25% to CEH and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard
26 Assessment). The civil penalty check shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental
27 Health.

28 5.1.2 \$8,900 as a payment in lieu of civil penalty to CEH pursuant to Health &

1 Safety Code § 25249.7(b), and California Code of Regulations, Title 11, § 3203(b). CEH will use
2 such funds to continue its work educating and protecting people from exposures to toxic
3 chemicals, including heavy metals. In addition, as part of its Community Environmental Action
4 and Justice Fund, CEH will use four percent of such funds to award grants to grassroots
5 environmental justice groups working to educate and protect people from exposures to toxic
6 chemicals. The method of selection of such groups can be found at the CEH web site at
7 www.ceh.org/justicefund. The payment pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the
8 Center For Environmental Health.

9 5.1.3 \$30,170 as reimbursement of a portion of CEH's reasonable attorneys' fees
10 and costs. The attorneys' fees and cost reimbursement check shall be made payable to the
11 Lexington Law Group.

12 **6. MODIFICATION**

13 6.1 **Written Consent.** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to
14 time by express written agreement of the Parties with the approval of the Court, or by an order of
15 this Court upon motion and in accordance with law.

16 6.2 **Meet and Confer.** Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall
17 attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to
18 modify the Consent Judgment.

19 **7. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

20 7.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CEH on
21 behalf of itself and the public interest and Settling Defendant, and its parents, subsidiaries,
22 affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and attorneys
23 ("Defendant Releasees"), and each entity to whom it directly or indirectly distributes or sells
24 Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers,
25 franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Downstream Defendant Releasees")
26 of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted in the Complaint against
27 Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant Releasees, based on failure
28 to warn about alleged exposure to Lead contained in Fashion Accessories that were sold by

1 Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date.

2 7.2 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Settling Defendant
3 constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to Lead in Settling Defendant's Covered
4 Products.

5 7.3 Nothing in this Section 7 affects CEH's right to commence or prosecute an
6 action under Proposition 65 against any person other than Settling Defendant, Defendant
7 Releasee, or Downstream Defendant Releasee.

8 7.4 Nothing in Section 7 affects CEH's right to commence or prosecute an action
9 under Proposition 65 against a Downstream Defendant Releasee that: (a) is not a direct customer
10 of Settling Defendant under Section 3.3; (b) sells or offers for sale a Covered Product to
11 California consumers that does not comply with the Lead Limits after the applicable Final Retail
12 Compliance Date set forth in Section 3.3; and (c) is not sold or offered for sale with compliant
13 Proposition 65 warnings under this Consent Judgment.

14 **8. NOTICE**

15 8.1 When CEH is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the
16 notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to:

17 Eric S. Somers
18 Lexington Law Group
19 503 Divisadero Street
20 San Francisco, CA 94117
21 esomers@lexlawgroup.com

22 8.2 When Settling Defendant is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent
23 Judgment, the notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to:

24 Michael B. Fisher
25 Buchalter Nemer
26 1000 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1500
27 Los Angeles, CA 90017
28 mbfisher@buchalter.com

29 8.3 Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent
30 by sending the other Party notice by first class and electronic mail.

1 **9. COURT APPROVAL**

2 9.1 This Consent Judgment shall become effective upon entry by the Court. CEH
3 shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Settling Defendant
4 shall support entry of this Consent Judgment.

5 9.2 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or
6 effect and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any
7 purpose other than to allow the Court to determine if there was a material breach of Section 9.1.

8 **10. ATTORNEYS' FEES**

9 10.1 Should CEH prevail on any motion, application for an order to show cause or
10 other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Consent Judgment, CEH shall be entitled to its
11 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion or application. Should
12 Settling Defendant prevail on any motion application for an order to show cause or other
13 proceeding, Settling Defendant may be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as a result
14 of such motion or application upon a finding by the Court that CEH's prosecution of the motion
15 or application lacked substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term
16 substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986,
17 Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016, *et seq.*

18 10.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Consent Judgment, each Party shall bear
19 its own attorneys' fees and costs.

20 10.3 Nothing in this Section 10 shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of
21 sanctions pursuant to law.

22 **11. TERMINATION**

23 11.1 This Consent Judgment shall be terminable by CEH or Settling Defendant at
24 any time after September 1, 2017, upon the provision of 30 days advanced written notice; such
25 termination shall be effective upon the subsequent filing of a notice of termination with Superior
26 Court of Alameda County.

27 11.2 Should this Consent Judgment be terminated pursuant to this Section, it shall
28 be of no further force or effect as to the terminated parties; provided, however that if CEH is the

1 terminating Party, the provisions of Sections 5, 7, and 12.1 shall survive any termination and
2 provided further that if Settling Defendant is the terminating Party, the provisions of Sections 5,
3 7.1 and 12.1 shall survive any termination.

4 **12. OTHER TERMS**

5 12.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State
6 of California.

7 12.2 This Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon CEH and Settling
8 Defendant, and their respective divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, and the successors or
9 assigns of any of them.

10 12.3 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and
11 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior
12 discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby
13 merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between
14 the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or
15 implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any
16 Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or
17 otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. No supplementation,
18 modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in
19 writing by the Party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent
20 Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof
21 whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

22 12.4 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall release, or in any way affect any rights
23 that Settling Defendant might have against any other party, whether or not that party is a Settling
24 Defendant.

25 12.5 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the
26 Consent Judgment.

27 12.6 The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts
28 and by means of facsimile or portable document format (pdf), which taken together shall be

1 deemed to constitute one document.

2 12.7 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully
3 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into
4 and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally to bind that
5 Party.

6 12.8 The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of
7 this Consent Judgment and this Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties.
8 This Consent Judgment was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been
9 accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel. Accordingly, any
10 uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against any
11 Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Consent Judgment. Each Party to this
12 Consent Judgment agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to
13 be resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Consent
14 Judgment and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code § 1654.

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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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18 Dated: July 18, 2012

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STEVEN A. BRICK

The Honorable Steven A. Brick
Judge of the Superior Court

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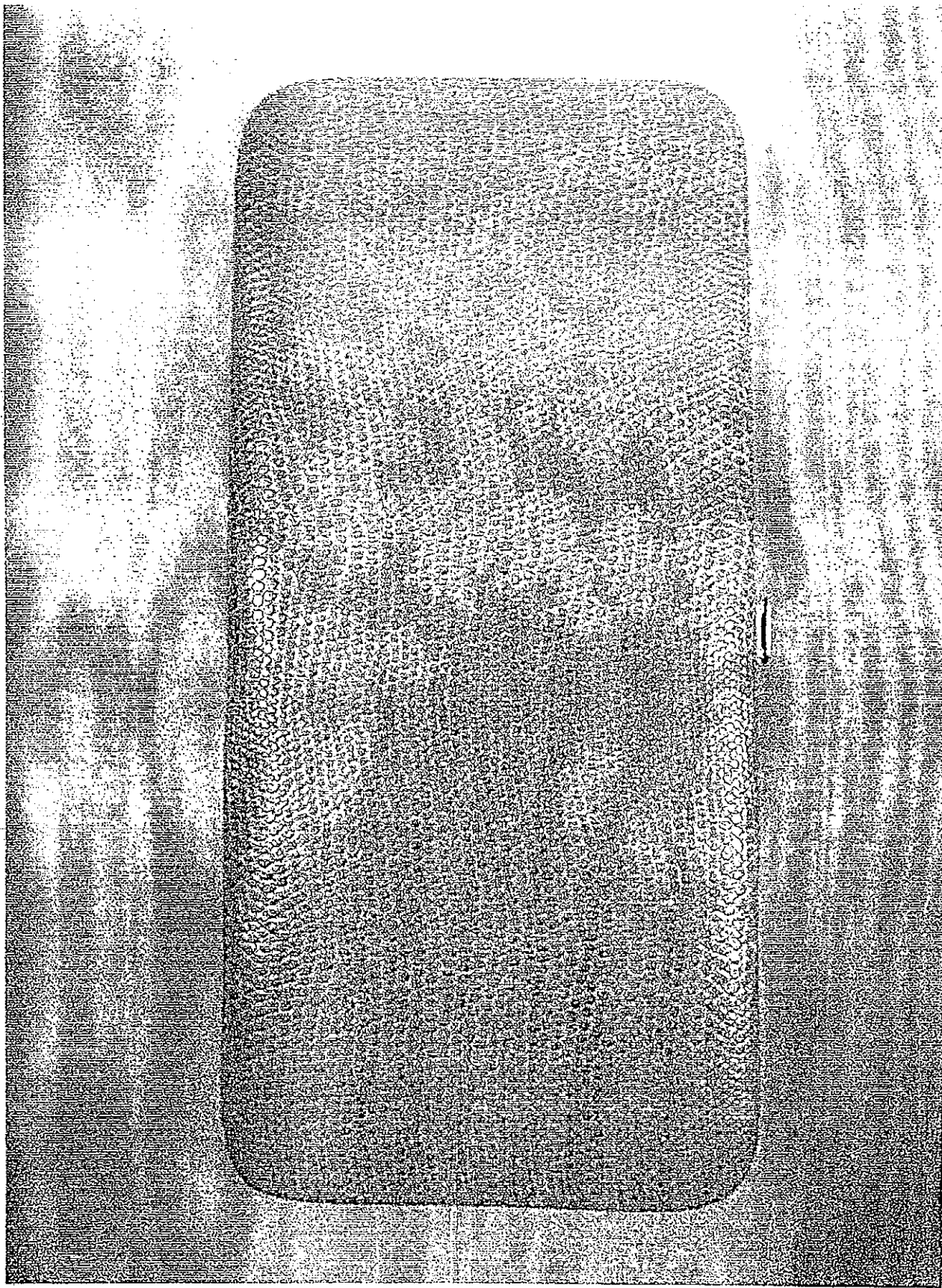
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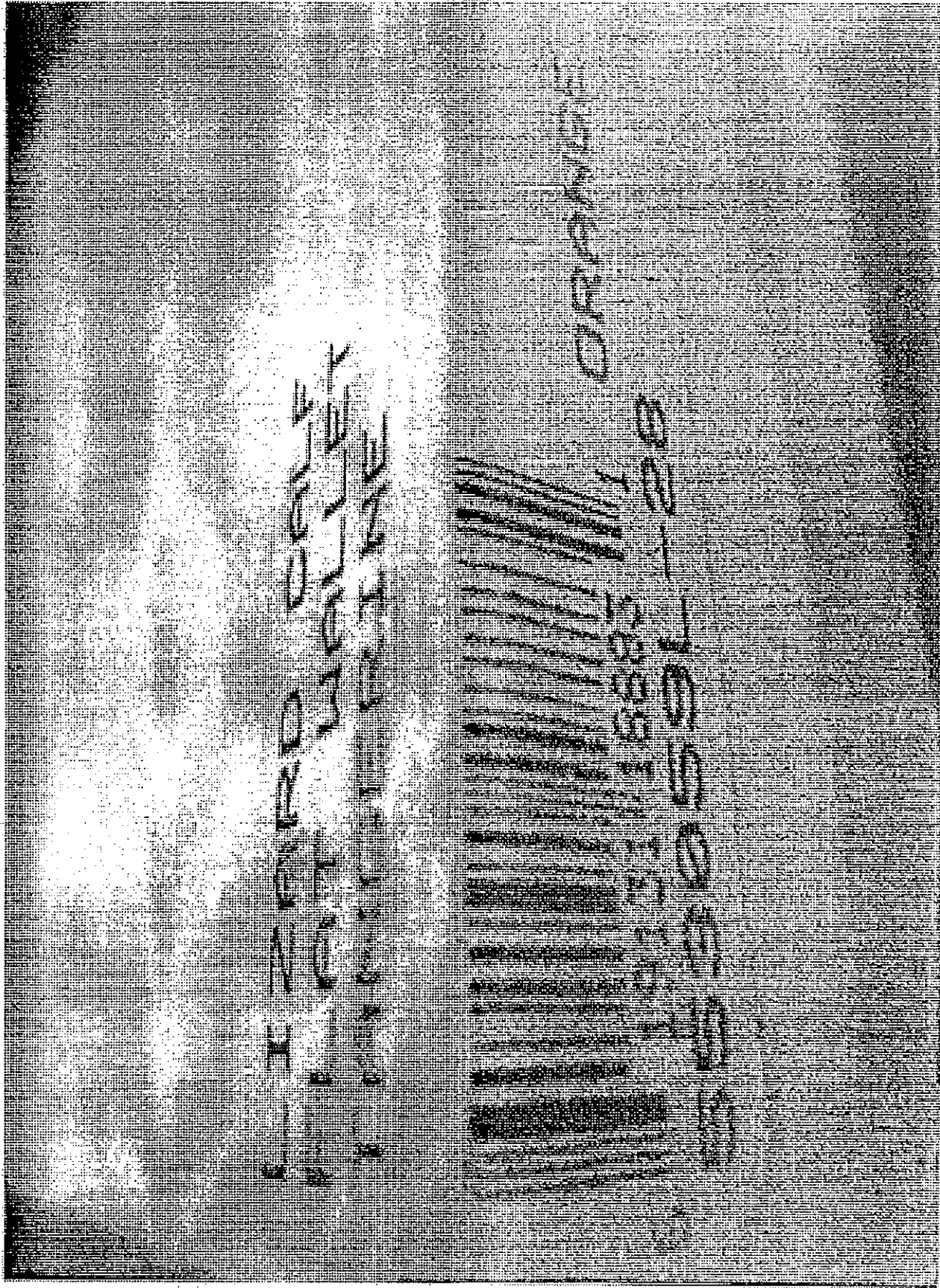
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Analytical Report

August 03, 2011

Lexington Law Group
503 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

Analytical Report No.: CL3573-33
Analysis Dates: 07/26/11 - 08/03/11

Listed below are the results of our analyses for sample(s) received on July 26, 2011.

CEH ID#AB789L, [REDACTED] Wallet (Orange Surface Material On Main Part Of W
NFL ID AF02363

Analyte	Result	Units	Method Ref.
Lead	67500	ppm	NIOSH 7082

A portion of the sample was digested in a microwave oven with concentrated nitric acid and analyzed by ICP-MS.

Sample(s) were received in good condition unless and results are reported based on the sample(s) as received, unless otherwise noted. Please note that these results apply only to the sample(s) submitted for this report. Samples from a different portion of the same lot may produce different results.

The National Food Lab services are provided subject to our standard terms and conditions, which can be found on our website, www.TheNFL.com. Should you have any questions concerning these results, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for using the services of the National Food Lab.

Sincerely,

Grace Bandong, Division Manager, Food Contaminants -Chemistry

cc: The NFL's Accounts Receivable