

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

### California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

#### Lead in Wallets, Handbags, Purses and Clutches Made With Leather, Vinyl or Imitation Leather Materials

June 26, 2014

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices. Charlie Pizarro is the Associate Director of and a responsible individual within CEH.

#### **Description of Violation:**

- Violators: The names and addresses of the violators are identified on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Time Period of Exposure: The violations have been occurring since at least June 26, 2011, and are continuing to this day.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical(s) Involved: The names of the listed chemicals involved in these violations are lead and lead compounds ("Lead"). Exposures to Lead occur from use of the products identified in this Notice.
- Types of Products: The specific types of products causing these violations are wallets, handbags, purses and clutches made with leather, vinyl or imitation leather materials. Non-exclusive examples of these specific types of products are identified on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Description of Exposure: This Notice addresses consumer exposures to Lead. Use of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to Lead. Lead is found in the products as a stabilizer in the vinyl or imitation leather materials, as a chemical ingredient in some of the dyes, paints and other coloring agents used in the products and in the chemicals used in the leather tanning process. Lead is also found in the metallic components such as zippers and zipper pulls used on the products. The routes of exposure for the violations are direct ingestion when consumers (including children) place the products or items that have been stored in the products in their mouths; ingestion via hand to mouth contact after consumers touch or handle the products or items that have been stored in the products; and dermal absorption directly through the skin

when consumers touch or handle the products or items that have been stored in the products. No clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning is provided with these products regarding the presence of Lead in the products.

**Resolution of Noticed Claims:**

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, CEH intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against each alleged violator unless such violator agrees in a binding written instrument to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the Lead exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If any alleged violator is interested in resolving this dispute without resort to expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact CEH through its counsel identified below. It should be noted that CEH cannot: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to CEH's counsel Eric S. Somers or Howard Hirsch at Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 913-7800, esomers at [lexlawgroup.com](mailto:lexlawgroup.com), hhirsch at [lexlawgroup.com](mailto:lexlawgroup.com).

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**June 26, 2014 Notice of Violation**  
**Lead in Wallets, Handbags, Purses, and Clutches**  
**Made with Leather, Vinyl or Imitation Leather Materials**

Names and Addresses of Responsible Parties	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products	Item or SKU # or Further Description
<p><b>Chunma USA, Inc.</b>            2000 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street            Vernon, CA 90058</p>	<p>NX XN Fashion Logo            Imprinted Multi Pockets            Messenger Handbag            in Coral</p>	<p>SKU No.            0-10000-52345-0            Item No.            NV2478 Coral</p>
<p><b>Dollar General Corporation</b>            100 Mission Ridge            Goodlettsville, TN 37072</p> <p><b>Dolgen California, LLC</b>            100 Mission Ridge            Goodlettsville, TN 37072</p>	<p>Cell Phone Wristlet            Clutch in Yellow</p>	<p>SKU No.            8-18361-04261-0</p>
<p><b>La Vani Inc.</b>            2700 Yates Avenue            Commerce, CA 90040</p>	<p>Vani Dasein Snakeskin            Embossed Checkbook            Wallet in Green</p>	<p>Item No.            DTD370-70497</p>
	<p>Vani Dasein Snakeskin            Embossed Checkbook            Wallet in Blossom Red</p>	<p>Item No.            W.370-70497</p>
	<p>Dasein Patent Croco Chic            Bi-fold Checkbook            Wallet in Coffee</p>	<p>Item No.            MFF2237-152244</p>
	<p>Dasein Color-Blocked            Bi-fold Wallet in            Mint Green &amp; Coffee</p>	<p>Item No.            DFD2456-152237</p>
	<p>Dasein Color-Blocked            Bi-fold Wallet            in Red &amp; Black</p>	<p>Item No.            BAB2456-152237</p>

<p><b>Sasha Handbags Inc.</b> 460/A Main Avenue Wallington, NJ 07057</p>	<p>Sasha Envelope Clutch in Black</p>	<p>Item No. 25-50170778 Style No. CL1889BL/BU</p>
<p><b>Stein Mart, Inc.</b> 1200 Riverplace Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32207</p>	<p>d'margeaux Single Strap Shoulder Handbag in Orange Pebbled Leather</p>	<p>SKU No. 7-34750-18049-0 Item No. 25-51021962 Style No. 61326</p>
	<p>Sasha Envelope Clutch in Black</p>	<p>Item No. 25-50170778 Style No. CL1889BL/BU</p>
<p><b>Stella &amp; Dot LLC</b> 1111 Bayhill Drive Suite 375 San Bruno, CA 94066</p>	<p>Mercer Zip Wallet - Poppy in Red</p>	<p>SKU No. 20132690 Item No. SG108POP</p>
<p><b>Tobi.com, LLC</b> 145 Park Lane Brisbane, CA 94005</p>	<p>Dani Pouch In Pouch Clutch in Red</p>	<p>SKU No. TOBWBAG26CHRED0S Item No. CP-2026# RED</p>

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**  
**Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d)**

I, Howard Hirsch, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notice have violated Health & Safety Code §25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

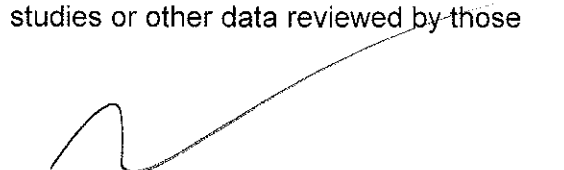
2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, and I represent the noticing party, the Center for Environmental Health.

3. Members of my firm and I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies or other data regarding the exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of the Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e. (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies or other data reviewed by those persons.

June 26, 2014

  
Howard Hirsch  
Attorney for CENTER FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

## PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in San Francisco County, California; my business address is 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California 94117. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause and my electronic notification address is cfisher@lexlawgroup.com.

On June 26, 2014, I served true copies of the following documents:

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;**

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT;** and

**THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY** (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisk).

On this date, I deposited fully prepaid and sealed envelopes containing the above-mentioned documents with the United States Postal Service, addressed to the following individuals:

***Please see attached service list.***

Also on this date, I transmitted via electronic mail the documents listed above to the electronic mail addresses set forth below at 1:30P.m. on June 26, 2014:

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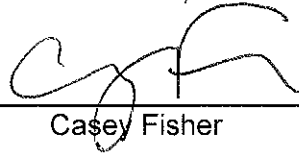
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The transmission was reported as complete and without error.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on June 26, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Casey Fisher', written over a horizontal line.

Casey Fisher

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