

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

### California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

#### Lead in Clothing Made With Leather, Vinyl or Imitation Leather Materials

October 31, 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 listed on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Time Period of Exposure: The violations have been occurring since at least October 31, 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.
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is clothing made with leather, vinyl or imitation leather materials. Non-exclusive examples of this specific type of product are listed 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. The routes of exposure for the violations are direct ingestion when consumers (including children) place the products in their mouths; ingestion via hand to mouth contact after consumers wear, touch or handle the products; and dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers wear, touch or handle the products. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic or reproductive hazards of Lead.

**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 Howard Hirsch at Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 913-7800, hhirsch at lexlawgroup.com.

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**October 31, 2014 Notice of Violation**  
**Lead in Clothing Made with Leather, Vinyl or Imitation Leather Materials**

<b>Names and Addresses of Responsible Parties</b>	<b>Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products</b>	<b>Item or SKU # or Further Description</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Active USA, Inc.</b>            1807 E. 48<sup>th</sup> Place            Los Angeles, CA 90058</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Active Leather            Hooded Leatherette            Jacket in Olive &amp; Grey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Style No. J9042</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A'Gaci, L.L.C.</b>            12460 Network Blvd., Ste. 106            San Antonio, TX 78249</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Game Hooded            Varsity Jacket in Red</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            4-10008-88908-6            Item No. 31110-13667            Style No. J632LTH</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BBC Apparel Group, LLC</b>            1407 Broadway, Suite 507            New York, NY 10018</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JouJou Faux            Leather Junior Moto            Jacket in Nectarine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            1-022-131542113            Item No. 131542113            Style No. 105-529</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Burlington Coat Factory            Warehouse Corporation</b>            1830 Route 130 North            Burlington, NJ 08016</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ambiance Faux Leather            Junior Bomber Jacket            in Cognac</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            2-295-227182053            Item No. 227182053            Style No. 63710</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">TCEC Asymmetrical            Zip Faux Leather            Jacket in Olive</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            1-712-187520503            Item No. 187520503            Style No. CJ5228</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Downtown Coalition            Faux Leather Junior            Bomber Jacket in Camel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            1-002-182528238            Item No. 182528238            Style No. DPJ003B</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">JouJou Faux            Leather Junior Moto            Jacket in Nectarine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            1-022-131542113            Item No. 131542113            Style No. 105-529</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>C. Luce, Inc.</b>            157 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd            Los Angeles, CA 90037</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TCEC Asymmetrical            Zip Faux Leather            Jacket in Olive</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKU No.            1-712-187520503            Item No. 187520503            Style No. CJ5228</p>

<b>Coalition Apparel, Inc.</b> 1100 S. San Pedro St., A-13 Los Angeles, CA 90015	Downtown Coalition Faux Leather Junior Bomber Jacket in Camel	SKU No. 1-002-182528238 Item No. 182528238 Style No. DPJ003B
<b>Mona Liza Fashion</b> 629 E. 30 <sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90011	Lucca Couture Faux Leather Skirt in Blush	SKU No. 5189300
<b>Pinkette Clothing, Inc.</b> 1100 S. San Pedro St., A-12 Los Angeles, CA 90015	ASTR Faux Leather Dolphin Shorts in Neon Melon	SKU No. 8-49402-01800-4 Item No. 820778 Style No. ALP20268

**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.

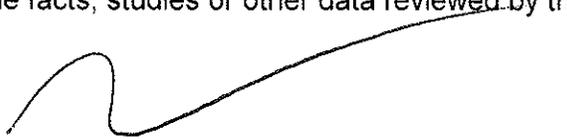
2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, and I represent the noticing party, the Center for Environmental Health.

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.

October 31, 2014



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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](mailto:cfisher@lexlawgroup.com).

On October 31, 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 \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ .m. on October 31, 2014:

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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 October 31, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Casey Fisher

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