

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

November 19, 2015

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 November 19, 2012, 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.

Preservation of Relevant Evidence:

This Notice also serves as a demand that each alleged violator preserve and maintain all relevant evidence, including all electronic documents and data, pending resolution of this matter. Such relevant evidence includes but is not limited to all documents relating to the presence or potential presence of Lead in wallets, handbags, purses and clutches made with leather, vinyl or imitation leather materials; purchase and sales information for such products; efforts to comply with Proposition 65 with respect to such products; communications with any person relating to the presence or potential presence of Lead in such products; and representative exemplars of each unit of any such products sold by each alleged violator in the year preceding this Notice.

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
November 19, 2015 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>3096-7053 Quebec Inc. (dba Christopher Kon) 400 Rue Stinson Montreal, Quebec H4N 2E9 Canada</p> <p>4411765 Canada Inc. (dba Christopher Kon) 400 Stinson Street Ville St. Laurent Quebec H4N 2E9 Canada</p>	<p>Co-Lab by Christopher Kon Mini Zip Wristlet with Two Tone Border in Cognac & Black</p>	<p>SKU No. 1000046021919032 TJ Maxx Style No. 1000046021 Style No. 4636</p>
<p>Genesco Inc. 1415 Murfreesboro Road Suite 240 Nashville, TN 37217</p>	<p>Journeys Loud Crying Face Purse in Multicolor</p>	<p>SKU No. 4-08000-67495-3 Item No. 39792</p>
<p>LYDC London Inc. 127 E. 12th Street Los Angeles, CA 90015</p>	<p>Sarit Scallop Reversible Tote Handbag in Brown</p>	<p>SKU No. 123672 Style No. 833# Brown</p>
<p>Pink Cosmo, Inc. 110 E. 9th Street Unit A1120 Los Angeles, CA 90079</p>	<p>Pink Cosmo Studded Crossbody Handbag in Brown</p>	<p>Papaya SKU No. 15224211701 Style No. PC-7704</p>
<p>Remi & Reid, Inc. 11564 West Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064</p>	<p>Remi & Reid Percy Washed Vegan Tote Handbag in Neutral</p>	<p>Style No. 36679173</p>
<p>Venus Fashion, Inc. 11711 Marco Beach Drive Jacksonville, FL 32224</p>	<p>Veccelli Faux Alligator Clutch in Red</p>	<p>Style No. Y65555 Item No. CL-103 ALLI 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.

November 19, 2015



Howard Hirsch
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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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 November 19, 2015, 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 2:45 P.m. on November 19, 2015:

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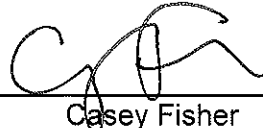
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The transmission was reported as complete and without error.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 19, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

Signed: 
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