

Dear Valued Customer,

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission voted unanimously (2-0) to issue a one-year stay of enforcement for certain testing and certification requirements for manufacturers and importers of regulated products, including products intended for children 12 years old and younger. These requirements are part of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), which added certification and testing requirements for all products subject to CPSC standards or bans.

Significant to makers of children's products, the vote by the Commission provides limited relief from the testing and certification requirements which go into effect on February 10, 2009 for new total lead content limits (600 ppm), phthalates limits for certain products (1000 ppm), and mandatory toy standards, among other things. [Manufacturers and importers – large and small – of children's products will not need to test or certify to these new requirements, but will need to meet the lead and phthalates limits, mandatory toy standards and other requirements.](#)

The stay will remain in effect until February 10, 2010, at which time a Commission vote will be taken to terminate the stay.

Hess Print Solutions continues to be an active and responsible partner in the BMI working with other industry partners to stay abreast of this important legislation. In keeping with the requirements of the stay, we have summarized the results of our product testing in the table below. As you can see, the lead and phthalate limits of our core products are significantly beneath the threshold limits to the point of almost being non-detectable. Our commitment to you will be to continue to do reasonable internal testing whenever we change any of our processes or primary ingredients of inks or coatings and update our results accordingly.

HESS PRINT SOLUTIONS CPSIA TESTING RESULTS

| CPSIA Limits | B/W Body Perfect Bound 4/C CVR UV Ctg Cvr | 4/C Body Perfect bound Aq Ctg 4/C Cvr | B/W Body Saddle Stitch Aq Ctg 4/C Cvr | 4/C Body Perfect Bound 4/C UV Ctg Cvr | 4/C Body Saddle Stitch Self Cvr | 4/C Body Saddle Stitch 4/C Aq Ctg Cvr | 4/C Laminated Cvr 2/C body Perfect Bound | 4/C UV Ctg Cvr Perfect Bound | Varnished 4/C Cvr 4/C body Perfect Bound | 4/C Self Cvr Saddle Stitch 4/C Body | UV Matte Ctg 4/C Body Perfect Bound | 4/C Spot UV Cvr 4/C body Perfect Bound |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| PPM LIMIT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Lead ASTM 1645/1613 | <0.979 | <0.978 | <0.99 | <0.991 | <0.995 | <0.98 | <1.89 | <2.34 | <1.97 | <1.98 | <1.86 | <1.93 |
| PPM LIMIT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EN 71.3/ASTM 963-07 | EN 71.3 | F963-7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antimony | 60 | 60 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.8 | <0.4 | <0.4 |
| Arsenic | 25 | 25 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.8 | <0.4 | <0.4 |
| Barium | 250 | 500 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <1.4 | <0.7 | <0.7 |
| Cadmium | 50 | 75 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <1.4 | <0.7 | <0.7 |
| Chromium | 25 | 60 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <1.4 | <0.7 | <0.7 |
| Lead | 90 | 90 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <0.7 | <1.4 | <0.7 | <0.7 |
| Selenium | 100 | 500 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.8 | <0.4 | <0.4 | <0.4 |
| PPM LIMIT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EN 71.3/ASTM 963-07 | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mercury | <0.0197 | <0.0191 | <0.0191 | <0.0195 | <0.0194 | <0.0193 | <0.0184 | <0.0179 | <0.0194 | <0.0183 | <0.0186 | <0.0199 |
| PPM LIMIT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phthalates EPA 8270/SW3550B | <1000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate | <18.99 | <7.798 | <1.938 | <7.618 | <1.978 | 2.046 | 10.02 | 1.963 | 0.2084 | 1.338 | 5.631 | 2.699 |
| Butyl benzyl phthalate | <18.99 | <7.798 | <1.938 | <7.618 | <1.978 | <1.929 | <1.164 | <1.226 | <0.1237 | <1.268 | <1.124 | <1.057 |
| Di-n-butyl phthalate | <18.99 | <7.798 | <1.938 | <7.618 | <1.978 | <1.929 | <1.164 | <1.226 | <0.1237 | <1.268 | <1.124 | <1.057 |
| Di-n-octyl phthalate | <18.99 | <7.798 | <1.938 | <7.618 | <1.978 | <1.929 | <1.164 | <1.226 | <0.1237 | <1.268 | <1.124 | <1.057 |
| DIDP | <47.46 | <19.5 | <4.846 | <19.04 | <4.945 | <4.821 | <2.91 | <3.066 | <0.3092 | <3.169 | <2.809 | <2.643 |
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If you have any questions or requests, please e-mail us at https.cpsia.gcc@hessprintsolutions.com

As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

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