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All vendors: Please see below update regarding the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

Regulatory Bulletin: CPSIA Lifts Stay Affecting General Certificates of Conformity (GCCs)

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has lifted the stay of enforcement on certification of flammability standards for certain non-children's products (vinyl plastic film, clothing textiles, carpets and rugs). Accordingly, under the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), General Certificates of Conformity (GCCs) are required for these products beginning on **January 26, 2011**. Note that the CPSIA requires manufacturers and importers of covered products to issue and supply a GCC to retailers and products that do not have GCCs may be stopped and denied entry into the United States by the U.S. Customs and Border and Protection. Firms must supply GCCs for their products to CPSC upon request.

Each Macy's vendor is required to indicate its GCC contact. If you have not already done so, you must indicate how you will supply GCCs to Macy's with this form:

<http://www.macysnet.com/RegulatoryAlerts/gcc/gccForm.htm>

Additional information about GCCs is located on macysnet.com here:

<http://www.macysnet.com/VS/standards/gcc.pdf>

CPSC site regarding the CPSIA <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html>

CPSC FAQ regarding GCCs: <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/faq/elecfaq.pdf>

CPSC press release is below and the link to the press release is:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11100.html?tab=news>

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CPSC Lifts Stay of Enforcement on Flammability Requirements for Certain Non-Children's Products Effective January 26, 2011

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has voted unanimously to lift the stay of enforcement on certification for compliance with the flammability standards for non-children's products in the following categories:

- Vinyl plastic film
- Clothing textiles
- Carpets and rugs

General certificates of conformity (GCCs) will be required for the flammability standards for these three non-children's products starting on January 26, 2011 certifying that a manufacturer's products comply with these standards. GCCs do not need to be based on testing done by a third-party laboratory. Rather, certification testing can be done by the manufacturer of the product based on a test of each product or on a "reasonable testing program."

A GCC must accompany the product whether imported or manufactured in the United States and be furnished to the product's distributors and/or retailers. Firms must supply GCCs for their products to CPSC upon request.

The Commission's vote is intended to clarify the lifting of the stay of enforcement of the flammability standards with respect to these three non-children's products.